

ABLE United

The Basics on ABLE Accounts

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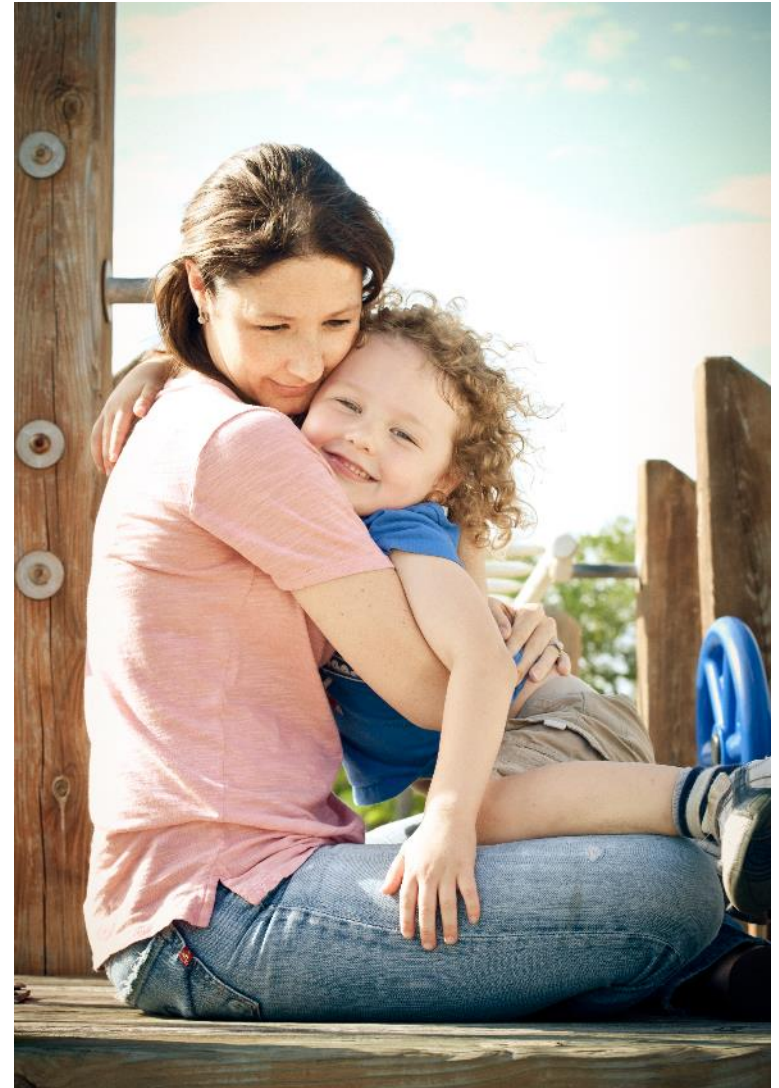
What is ABLE?

Achieving a Better Life Experience.

The Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience Act encourages individuals with disabilities to **save private funds** to support health, independence, and **quality of life**.

"No longer would individuals with disabilities have to stand aside and watch others use IRS-sanctioned tools to lay the groundwork for a brighter future. They would be able to as well."

Congressman Ander Crenshaw, Florida





ABLE Accounts

Save Like Never Before.

A tax-free savings and investment account established to support disability expenses while maintaining government benefits.

- *Save tax-free for future expenses*
- *Save with the help from family & friends*
- *Save on fees – best value for Floridians*
- *Save while maintaining federal benefits*

Why an ABLE account?

Save for future qualified disability expenses.

Qualified disability expenses, which include “living expenses,” are not required to be medically necessary or to be limited for the sole benefit of the individual with a disability.



Health



Education



Housing



Transportation



Legal Fees



Financial Management



Employment Training and Support



Assistive Technology and Personal Support Services



Oversight and Monitoring



Funeral and Burial



Other Expenses Approved by the Treasury Regulations

Eligibility

A Florida resident who is blind or has a disability with onset prior to age 26 and meets the severity requirements for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

Current age, income, assets or receipt of government benefits are not considered.

Requirements:

- *Florida resident*
- *Onset of the disability prior to age 26*
- *The disability is “severe”*



Disability

No approval process or document submission.

An individual receiving SSDI or SSI or who has a condition on the List of Compassionate Allowances Conditions qualifies automatically.

- *Self-certification*
- *“Marked and severe functional limitations”*
- *Expect to last for at least 12 months*



Ownership

The individual with a disability is the owner of the ABLÉ account.

Another person may assist in opening or maintaining the ABLÉ account.

- *One ABLÉ account nationwide*
- *Accessed through secure website*
- *For the benefit of the individual with a disability*



How it
Works

Enroll

Open an ABLÉ account at ableunited.com in approximately 15 minutes.

No documents to upload. Enter identifying information, categorize and self-certify basis of eligibility, and select investment options.

Special Situations:

- *Another person is authorized to open the account*
- *Provide date of diagnosis with name and address of physician*





Contribute

Anyone can contribute to the account.

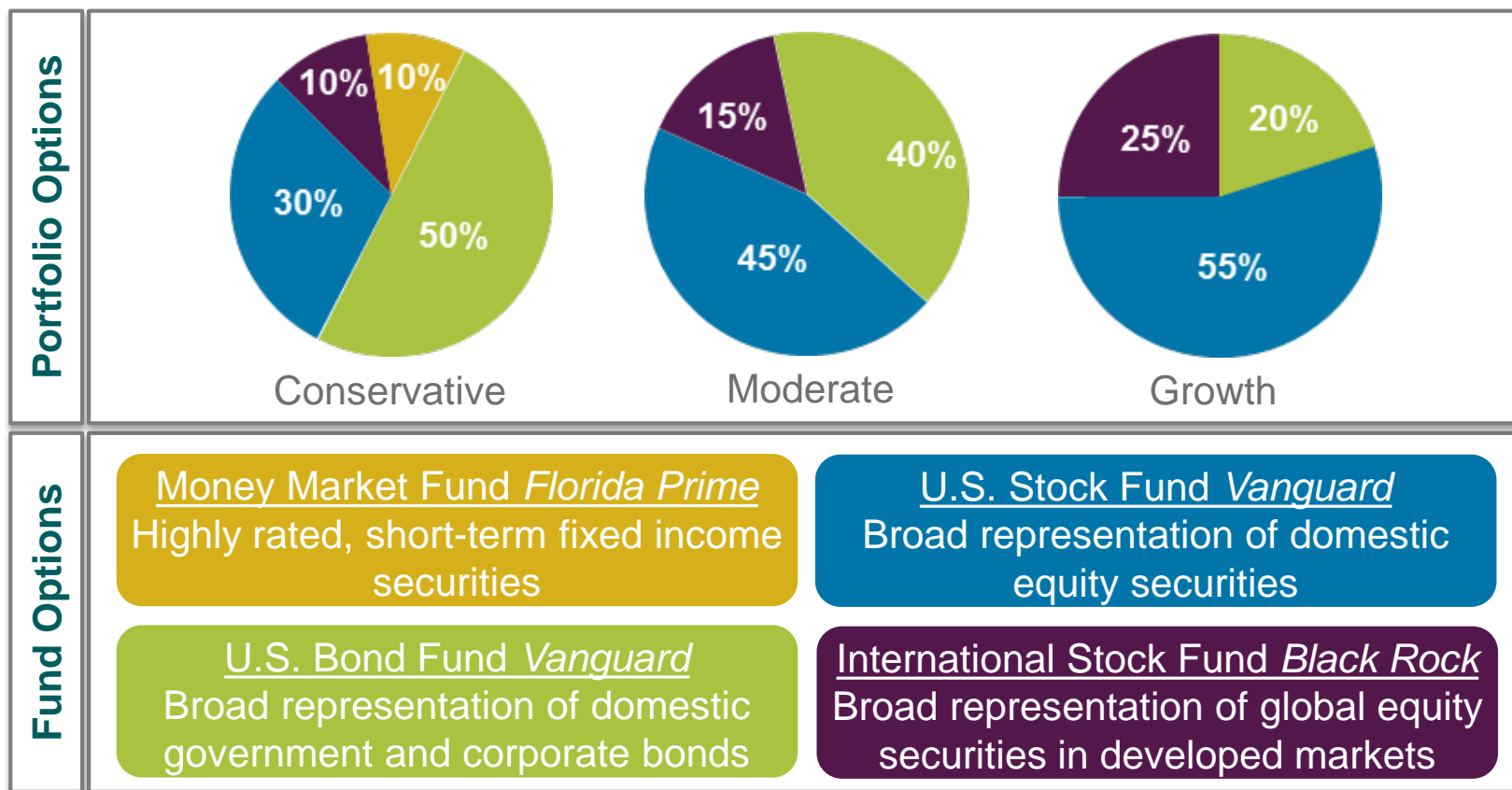
Contributions are considered completed gifts (not income) to the individual with a disability.

- *Total of \$14,000 per year*
- *No federal income tax-deduction*
- *Rollovers from IRA or 529 College Savings*

Plan not allowed

Grow

Seven investment options designed to meet the needs of most investors - three predesigned portfolios and four individual funds to build a custom portfolio.



Withdraw

Money may be withdrawn at any time and for any reason.

Withdrawals may be made by electronic transfer or by check. Earnings are tax-free if annual withdrawals are less than, or equal to, qualified disability expenses.

Consideration:

- *Keep documentation for the IRS*
- *Earnings may be subject to tax plus 10% if withdrawals exceed qualified disability expenses*





How much does it cost?

No cost to open an account

Save on fees – ABLE United offers the best value for Florida residents.

- *No application fee*
- *No minimum contribution (ACH min. \$25)*
- *Monthly account maintenance fee of \$2.50/mo. **waived until July 2018***
- *Investment administration fee from 0.035% to 0.290% (fee taken out of performance)*
- *Paper delivery fee \$10, prorated*

Federal Benefits



What about Medicaid?

Save without losing Medicaid.

Funds in an ABLÉ account do not count as an asset for Medicaid.

If Beneficiary received Medicaid and passes away, Medicaid may make a claim on the account

- *Only for services rendered after account opened*
- *Outstanding qualified disability expenses paid first*
- *Funeral and Burial*
- *Reduce claim amount by Medicaid Buy-In premiums*

What if I am receiving SSI?

Save for the future without losing Supplemental Security Income.

Generally, funds in (or withdrawn from) an ABLE account are disregarded when determining eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- *First \$100,000 in ABLE account does not count as a resource*
- *Housing and non-qualified expenses withdrawn but not spent in the same month count as a resource*



Questions

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Visit ableunited.com for more information about ABLE United.

Learn more about ABLE United accounts, listen to other account holders, and review our Program Description and Participation Agreement.

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