

A mentoring initiative to increase employment opportunities for people who have a disability.

What is MentorAbility? A national initiative promoting employment of people who have a disability in communities throughout Canada. MentorAbility is a full- or half-day mentoring experience for which job seekers who have a disability are matched with individual Mentors to explore career opportunities.

**How Does it Work?** Provincial Hubs help local Community Coordinators develop a network of collaborative organizations that will match job seekers (Protégés) with employers (Mentors), and facilitate mentoring experiences.

Who Can Be a Mentor? Any business leader interested in meeting a motivated job seeker who has a disability is welcome to become a Mentor. Mentors are professionals with area businesses who can dedicate a full- or half-day to meet with their Protégé. MentorAbility gives employers an opportunity to recognize talent and potential; tap into a pool of potential future employees; demonstrate community leadership; and increase employment opportunities for people who have a disability. Employers can get involved by sharing the benefits of mentorship and encouraging their team to be Mentors.

**Who Can Be a Protégé?** Job seekers who have a self-identified disability are welcome to submit applications to their local coordinators, who will work to facilitate placement opportunities. *The only requirement for participating is having a strong, genuine desire to work in the community.* 

**Who Can Be a Local Coordinator?** Any individual or organization interested in increasing employment opportunities for people who have a disability is welcome to apply.

**How Do We Get Involved?** Contact your Provincial MentorAbility Hub to discuss how you can participate in the MentorAbility Canada Project.

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