



## National Disability Institute to Host Financial Inclusion Summit in New Orleans

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Join the National Disability Institute (NDI) on September 20th in New Orleans for the "Financial Inclusion Summit: Assuring People with Disabilities Access to Mainstream Financial Services" at the University of New Orleans. This Summit will bring together leaders in government, the financial services sector, the disability and asset building communities, and Fortune 100 companies to discuss strategies for improving financial access for individuals across the spectrum of disabilities.

The Summit is designed to accomplish several objectives:

1. Improve understanding, knowledge and skills in the disability community to advance financial capability, which includes making better informed financial decisions, improving skills, and setting up a budget to make ends meet, helping set financial goals to advance greater financial stability and security;
2. Build a bridge between financial institutions and the disability community to improve effective customer service and affordable and accessible financial products and services,
3. Develop a working action agenda from small group discussions to take place at the Summit that improves the availability of financial education and coaching for people with disabilities, as well as other ways the banking and disability communities can work together to advance economic self-sufficiency; and
4. Educate the disability community about the new opportunities to save resources with an ABLE account as the state of Louisiana has already opened its program this year. An ABLE account will not adversely impact means-tested federal benefits, like Social Security and Medicaid. The NDI is working with others to raise the age of onset of disability from 26 to 46 in order to be eligible to open an ABLE account.

Registration to this event is free, but space is limited and available on a first come first served basis. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/financial-inclusion-summit-assuring-people-with-disabilities-access-to-mainstream-financial-tickets-36165652440>

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