

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If I am part of a family, school, organization or company that is interested in organizing a team to participate in the Walk/Run for Abilis, who should be our Team Leader?

A: The Team Leader should be the person who is willing to give the most time to the project.

Q: Can a team have more than one Team Leader?

A: Yes, a team can have multiple Leaders. However, only one person can be identified as the Team Leader on the website, so choose one co-Leader to represent the team online and spearhead online team communications.

Q: Does a team need a minimum number of walkers?

A: No, there is no minimum size for a team. They can be as small as 2 or 3 walkers or as large as 200 walkers.

Q: How do I name my team?

A: Many teams use their family name (The Jones Family Team) or their business name (J&J Sweets). Others are more creative (For the Love of Kevin, Jake & Us Together, Devoted to Dawn). Others simply name the team after the individual for whom they are walking (Team Anthony, Allison's Army).

Q: Can I walk if I don't form a team?

A: Individual walkers and runners are terrific. It is always fun to come as part of a team, but many walkers and runners come as individuals. The event is a community-wide celebration of inclusion and diversity, so the more participants the better!

Q: How does this event raise money?

A: The majority of the funds are raised through online donations to teams and individuals and local business sponsorships. The \$45 race fee helps cover the costs for supplies and race support, such as timing technology. There is no required fee for walkers, although we greatly appreciate onsite donations.

Q: Why does Abilis need money if it receives governmental funding?

A: Although Abilis receives funding from federal and state agencies in the form of fees for services, many services - particularly those that enhance the quality of life for our participants, such as social and recreational activities - are not reimbursed by government agencies. For our Birth to Three Early Intervention program, Abilis is only reimbursed for direct service time, not service coordination time, cancellations, parent support and advocacy, training for community support agencies, and therapist travel time to homes and community environments. There have been major reductions in state reimbursement rates over the past few years, despite cost increases for employee benefits, utilities, fuel, and other service related expenses.