

# Breaking down barriers to employment

Changing the way the world views and defines disability by making profound positive differences in people's lives every day.



At Easterseals, we know how hard it can be for individuals with disabilities, individuals facing disadvantages and veterans to find employment. However, we also know that with the right help, every individual has something unique to bring to the workforce and to the community. This is what we do. Wherever an individual is on their path to employment, we can help them reach their fullest potential. We offer skills training, work placement, career development and case management.

40  
years

10  
locations

\$18mill  
annual  
budget

3,000  
served

300  
employees

350  
volunteers

1,900  
volunteer  
hours

Data for 2015

## PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

**Youth with disabilities** can find post-educational and career assistance programs that open up opportunities for independence and growth.

**Adults with disabilities** can receive a wide range of employment options, from part-time work/recreation programs to full-time supported community employment are available.

**Farmers with disabilities** can continue working in agriculture despite challenges.

**HOME Choice** moves people out of institutions and into a community or home setting.

**Adult Day Services** provide enriching social recreation for adults and seniors with developmental disabilities.

## VETERANS

**Veteran Services** opens doors and cuts through red tape to help returning veterans transition from military to civilian life. We offer employment support, education resources, and emergency assistance. They served our country well. Now it is our turn to serve.

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

We understand local business because we *are* a local business. Our social enterprises--**Building Value**, **Building Ability**, and **Easterseals Packaging and Fulfillment**--generate \$2MM in revenue for our core mission annually, while producing employees that are uniquely qualified to meet the needs of local employers.

## PEOPLE FACING DISADVANTAGES

Our programs empower **economically disadvantaged adults and youth** over the age of 16 to break down employment barriers such as a criminal record, chronic unemployment, or lack of education by offering industry-recognized certification, training, and valuable work experience. Many programs offer paid work experience in our own social enterprises, because there is no better way to ensure the employment readiness of the people we serve than by first employing them ourselves.



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