

What Types of Membership are Available?

1. Disability Business Membership: If a business qualifies as a Disability Business, the business can become a Member of the Chamber. There is no membership fee for Disability Businesses.
2. Support Organization Membership: If a business or other organization provides significant support to the disability community (e.g., purchases a significant amount of services and products from Disability Businesses, has a track record of employment of the disabled, provides significant grants to the disabled), the business can become a Member of the Chamber. There are membership fees for becoming a Support Organization Member, as provided in the Support Organization Application (www.disabilitychamber.org).

Why should you become involved with the Chamber?

1. If you run a Disability Business or are considering forming a Disability Business, (a) it is clear from the information in this brochure that the Chamber can help form and grow your business and (b) membership is FREE!
2. If you run a Support Organization, your organization can help promote the Chamber and, at the same time, promote your organization (e.g., through being listed as a supporter of the disability community on the Chamber's website).
3. Even if you do not run a Disability Business or a Support Organization, involvement with the Chamber helps Disability Businesses, thereby helping the disabled and their direct caregivers to help themselves.

For more information on the Chamber, please visit www.disabilitychamber.org or e-mail us at info@disabilitychamber.org.



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The Chamber of Commerce for Persons with Disabilities, Inc. (the "Chamber") is a newly-formed national chamber of commerce devoted solely to the disability community. The Chamber's purpose is to grow "Disability Businesses", i.e., businesses that are controlled by persons who are disabled and by their direct caregivers.

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Why is the Chamber Needed?

1. Individuals with disabilities have historically had a high unemployment rate. The Chamber will make the formation and growth of Disability Businesses less of a challenge, so that persons with disabilities have increased opportunities to become self employed.
2. Currently, our Chamber is the only organization that provides a national network of Disability Businesses. Yet, there is a growing demand from the government and the business community to purchase from Disability Businesses. Our Chamber will provide a national list of Disability Businesses that will satisfy this demand.
3. Starting and growing a business takes a significant amount of time and energy. Persons with disabilities spend a significant amount of time and energy overcoming their disabilities. Direct caregivers spend a significant amount of time and energy helping persons with disabilities. The Chamber will help reduce the time and energy needed to form and grow a business through its resources and the internal and external marketing of its Members.

What are the Benefits for Disability Businesses?

1. The Chamber provides a place where Disability Businesses can network with one another by purchasing goods and services from, and exchanging ideas with, each other.
2. The Chamber provides resources for Disability Businesses to form and grow. These resources will include advice through newslet-

ters and blogs on various areas, including law (e.g., corporate law, tax law, and labor law matters), finance, management, and marketing. The resources will also include information with respect to disabilities. In addition, the Chamber will offer a network of other organizations, both with respect to business issues and disability issues.

3. The Chamber will provide and publicize a list of Disability Businesses from which the general public can purchase goods and services. This will offer the general public the opportunity to be philanthropic by helping those with disabilities help themselves (and by providing direct caregivers more time to focus on caring for individuals with disabilities).
4. Involvement in the Chamber will help promote your organization's commitment to diversity.

What Programs and Services Will the Chamber Provide?

1. The Chamber recently launched its website, www.disabilitychamber.org. The following are features that the Chamber will add to the website:
 - A list of Disability Businesses categorized by industry and by disability (with information on the Disability Businesses and links to their websites)
 - A forum and blogs pertaining to business and disability issues
 - A periodic newsletter as described below
 - Business and disability resources, including

information provided by business experts and links to established business and disability organizations. These links will include information on obtaining government grants and other sources of capital.

- Website seminars on various business topics that pertain to Disability Businesses.
2. The Chamber will periodically send its members a newsletter that will focus on specific topics in the formation and operation of a Disability Business. Topics are expected to include corporate, tax, and labor legal advice, accounting advice, financing advice, management advice, marketing advice, and disability advice.
 3. One of the Chamber's goals is for Disability Businesses to be included as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, so that Disability Businesses have a greater opportunity to obtain government contracts. The more Disability Businesses that become Members of the Chamber, the higher the likelihood that the Chamber will achieve this goal.
 4. The Chamber will offer committee's on which Members can become involved.
 5. The Chamber plans to offer an advisory counsel of business and legal experts from within the Chamber's membership (including Support Organizations) who will help mentor Disability Business Members that desire mentoring.
 6. The Chamber will hold an annual meeting where the Members can network, attend seminars, and sell their products. The Chamber may also hold regional meetings so that more Members can attend.