

## NC ABLE Program Board of Trustees Meeting August 15, 2018

**Communications and Outreach Update** 





## A Few NC ABLE Outreach Highlights: May to July 2018

Presentations and/or Tabling Autism Society of NC – webinar National Disability Institute – webinar featuring National ABLE Alliance and North Carolina ABLE Program

Special Events Special Olympics of North Carolina Annual Games

#### Upcoming:

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys "UnProgram" NC Bar Association Elder Law and Special Needs Attorneys Elder Law Basics Program (CLE event) Rethinking Guardianship Statewide Workgroup Arc of Robeson County NC TIDE – webinar Raleigh Transition Fair - Brooks Avenue Church

#### Social Media

May, June and July campaigns completed *Upcoming*: *Facebook LIVE* 







Participant communications Alliance Working Groups US Senate HELP Committee Hearing on Economic Stability and ABLE Act

#### **NC ABLE Materials**

NC ABLE brochure Spanish translation Digital Toolkit updated and shared with NC ABLE Association Roundtable

RSD *Monitor* and *Aviator*, *DST Compass*, links on collaborators' websites and e-newsletters



## Facebook, Google and Twitter Campaigns: May to July 2018

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## **Organic Highlights: May to July 2018** Network of nonprofit partners helping spread the word!

NC ABLE Program @NCABLEProgram NC ABLE - Davis Family Shares How they **#SaveWithABLE** for their daughter's future w/**#DownSyndrome**https://youtu.be/L6rR9xtXE9A via @YouTube

#### 64,355 Organic impressions



NC ABLE - Davis Family Shares How they #SaveWithABLE for their daughter's future w/#DownSyndrome- youtu.be/L6rR9xtXE9A via @YouTube

10:59 AM - 5 Jun 2018



**Top Tweet** Easter Seals (244 followers)

Retweeted by:

- Paul Curly (1,410 followers)
- ABLE Now (2,702 followers)
- Easter Seals CA (135k followers)

#### Total followers gained: 85

## YouTube: January to July 2018



NC ABLE Accounts Allow People with Disabilities to...

7,102 views

Opening an ABLE Account Takes Just Minutes

1,408 views

NC's Plue Family Share How NC ABLE Helps Guardians...

4,448 views







## Appendix





## **NC ABLE Communications Strategy Outline**

#### Goals in support of these Primary Areas of Focus

- Education through engagement Engage the public through effective networking, with the goal to educate potential participants (and their families) about the benefits of ABLE and NC ABLE.
- Enrollment Provide information on the enrollment process and NC ABLE account benefits/features. Dispel misunderstandings and provide information that makes individuals feel comfortable taking action.

#### **Primary Audiences**

- 1. People with disabilities, their families, and guardians
- 2. Organizations that provide services and supports
- 3. NC General Assembly

Priority: Public/Media, NC advocacy and membership associations, state and regional community groups, Legislators and their staffs Secondary: Financial services providers, Businesses who provide services and supports, Legal services

#### Key messages

- 1. The NC ABLE Act is one of the most significant pieces of legislation ever passed in NC to support independence for people with disabilities. NC ABLE accounts have the potential to make a real and lasting impact on the financial security of individuals with disabilities, and their families.
- 2. NC ABLE accounts provide people with disabilities and their families a new opportunity to save and plan for a better economic future and improved quality of life, without losing needed supports from SSI, Medicaid, and other programs. NC ABLE accounts positively impact financial day-to-day challenges *and* provide an opportunity to save for the future.
- Because North Carolina participates in the National ABLE Alliance, NC ABLE accounts have the benefits of extremely competitive pricing, coupled with high quality institutional investment management. The NC ABLE Program Board of Trustees provides strong oversight of the NC ABLE Program.





## A few of our key collaborators



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# Thank you





