

# DISABILITY INITIATIVE



The Disability Initiative, a partnership between Louisiana Economic Development and the Department of Health and Hospitals, offers individuals with disabilities the competitive advantage they need to gain access to programs and resources for self-employment opportunities.

## SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS:

- Bonding Assistance
- Hudson Initiative
- Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute
- Mentor-Protégé
- Microenterprise Development
- Small and Emerging Business Development
- Veteran Initiative

## BENEFITS OF THE DISABILITY INITIATIVE:

- Provides one resource for individuals with disabilities interested in small business assistance, including entrepreneurial training, marketing, computer skills, accounting, bonding and business planning
- Creates self-sufficiency
- Improves employment skills
- Provides an innovative path for independence
- Promotes economic development

## DISABILITY PROGRAM NAVIGATOR

LED'S Disability Program Navigator will coordinate with local and state agencies to ensure individuals with disabilities have the resources they need to obtain self employment.

## LET'S GET YOUR BUSINESS MOVING FORWARD

If you're interested in learning more about resources available to individuals with disabilities, visit [OpportunityLouisiana.com/Small Biz](http://OpportunityLouisiana.com/Small Biz) or call LED at 225.342.3728.