

# WHAT IS ABLE?

- Creates tax-advantaged investment accounts for individuals with disabilities
- Assets in your account do not affect eligibility for federal means-tested benefits programs like SSI or Medicaid
- Hybrid of 529 Education Savings Plan + Checking Account + Special Needs Trust

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ABLE?

- Provides financial independence for people with disabilities and dramatically increases ability to save
- Account is owned by the individual with the disability
- Tax free earnings federal and state

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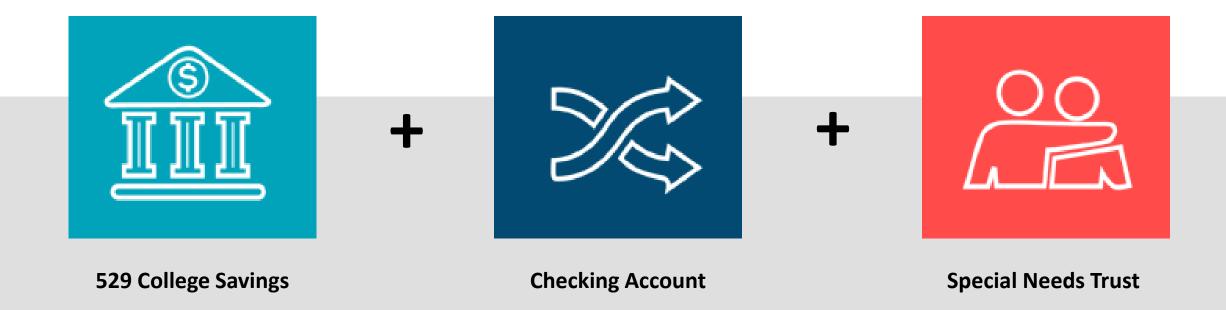
ABLE Act of 2014 created savings and investment accounts for individuals with disabilities

ABLE Accounts do not affect eligibility for benefits programs

SSI

Medicaid

ABLE Accounts have hybrid functionality



# **BENEFITS** OF ABLE ACCOUNTS

## Dramatically **increases** ability to save:

#### **BEFORE** ABLE

- x Could not save over \$2,000
- **x** Risk losing health care & other benefits

## **NOW** WITH MO ABLE

- ✓ Can save well over \$2,000!
- ✓ Keep all your benefits!

# BENEFITS OF ABLE ACCOUNTS



#### **OWNERSHIP**

Account is owned by the individual with the disability



#### FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

New investment opportunities

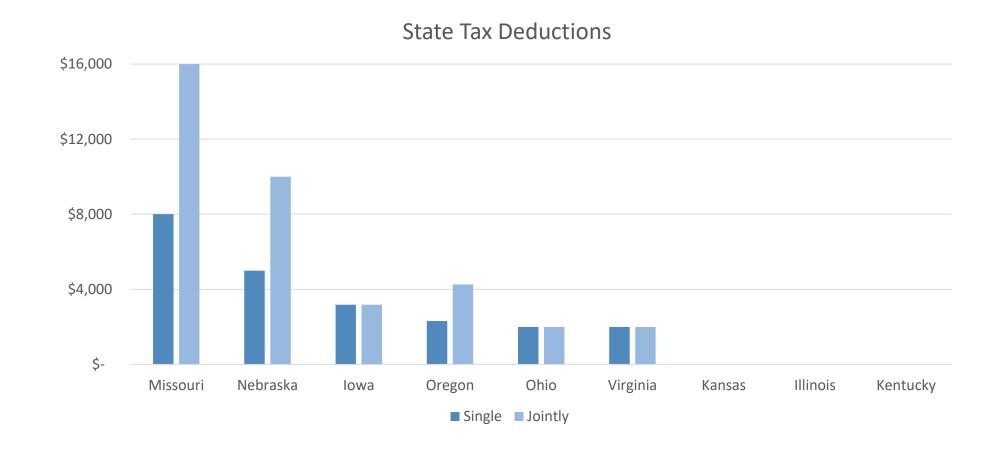


#### **TAX BENEFITS**

May qualify for multiple tax benefits each year

# Missouri's Tax Deduction

- Missouri has the highest tax deductions in the nation
- Anyone who contributes to an account can receive a state income tax deduction for their own contributions of up to \$8,000 (\$16,000 if filing jointly)



# **ELIGIBILITY**

To see who qualifies for a ABLE Account, take our eligibility quiz at moable.com

## Individuals with disabilities that occurred prior to age 26

## PLUS <u>ONE</u> OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Eligible to receive SSI or SSDI due to disability; or
- Condition listed on SSA's "List of Compassionate Allowances Conditions"; or
- Self-certification

## WHAT IS **SELF-CERTIFICATION?**





Need diagnosis of a physical or mental impairment that causes "marked and severe functional limitations"



Condition has lasted or is expected to last for at least 1 year



Do not need to send in written diagnosis, but must have on hand

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# ENROLLMENT www.moable.com



Free online enrollment



Quick & easy – approx. 20 minutes



\$50 minimum opening deposit

#### Can be done by either:

Individual with disability (Beneficiary)

or

**Authorized Legal Representative** (parent, guardian, power of attorney)



# **FUNDING YOUR ACCOUNT**



#### **LIFETIME LIMIT**

\$501,000 balance limit



#### IF NOT EMPLOYED

\$15,000 per year from all sources



#### IF EMPLOYED

Up to \$27,760 per year

\$15,000 + wages up to an additional \$12,760

System automatically rejects excess contributions

# **FUNDING YOUR ACCOUNT**





**EFT**ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

**CHECK** 

# eGift EVENTS

An eGift event sends out emails to friends and family for special events



Send request to friends and family for special events



Contributions go directly into STABLE Account



## ADVANTAGES

Gifts will not affect benefits



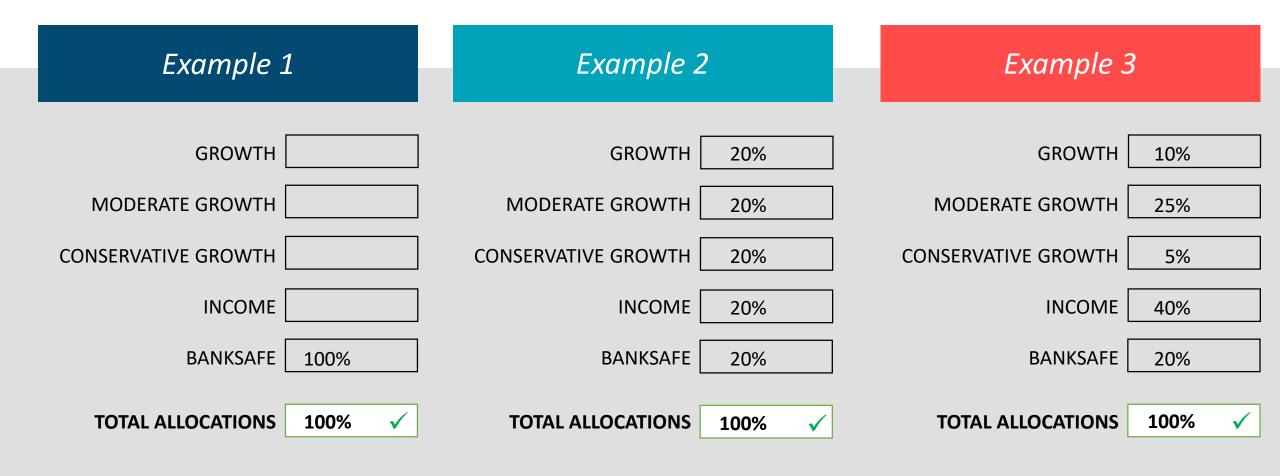
## RECORD KEEPING

System tracks contributors for sending thank you notes

## **INVESTMENT** OPTIONS

#### **Choose from:**

- Four Vanguard mutual funds that range from aggressive to conservative
- One principal-protected FDIC-Insured option



## **SPENDING** YOUR FUNDS

Withdrawals must be used on "Qualified Disability Expenses"

Must relate to the disability + Help maintain or improve health, independence, or quality of life



Housing & Rent



**Basic Living Expenses** 



Transportation



Education



**Assistive Technology** 



Financial Management



Health & Wellness



Legal Fees

and many more...

## **NON-QUALIFIED** EXPENDITURES

If you spend on non-qualified expenditures, this could...



The amount of the expenditure <u>may</u> be considered a countable resource



Pay taxes plus 10% penalty on the earnings portion of the withdrawal

# **SPENDING** FROM YOUR ACCOUNT

Free Withdrawals + No Limits



#### **CHECKING & SAVINGS**

Transfer to personal checking or savings



#### **THIRD-PARTY**

Pay with a Third-Party Check



#### THE STABLE CARD

Transfer onto STABLE Card

MO ABLE will not ask what you spend on, but benefits agencies and IRS can

# THE **STABLE CARD**



5342 3552 4544 2464

DEBIT

YOUR NAME

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# STABLE CARD

The STABLE Card is a loadable/prepaid debit card that can be used anywhere Visa is accepted



Does not pull directly from account



Online spending records and annotated expenses



No overdraft, no cash access, limiting of merchants



Notifications to monitor spending, low balances

## **SSI** CONSIDERATIONS

Supplemental Security Income



Balances over \$100,000 count as a resource – but SSI merely suspended, not terminated



Beneficiary's own wages still count as income even if contributed to an ABLE Account

# IF ACCOUNT HOLDER PASSES AWAY

## Account will pass to the account holder's estate



The estate administrator notifies ABLE and can take over account access

No designated transfer upon death



If the beneficiary does not have a will then account will go through normal probate process

## **MEDICAID** SERVICES

Money in a STABLE Account is better protected from Medicaid payback than money in other accounts

Medicaid can ask for payback in some cases, but there are protections:



Medicaid Payback is only from date the account was opened



Pay any outstanding bills for QDEs



Deduct Medicaid Buy-In premiums you paid



Pay for funeral and burial expenses

# ACCOUNT COST

There is a minimal cost for owning an ABLE Account

**Monthly Maintenance Fees** 

\$3.50 (\$42 Annually)

**Asset-Based Fees** 

Between 0.19% and 0.33%

## ABLE ACCOUNT & SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS

## Complementary tools that can be used together

- ✓ Trusts can be written or amended for distributions to an ABLE Accounts
- ✓ Trusts can accept unlimited cash and noncash assets

## Unique ABLE Account benefits

- ✓ Broader spending power (i.e. housing and food)
- ✓ State tax deduction for ABLE contributions
- ✓ No federal or state income tax on earnings
- ✓ Can be established, administered and owned by an individual with a disability

# WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

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