

# Newsletter

**Keeping Our New Mexico Families Informed** 

June 2021

# Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How

**Who:** The STABLE Account program is the largest affiliation in the country!

Twelve states have joined forces to offer ABLE accounts to their residents:

- Arizona (AZ ABLE)
- Georgia (GA STABLE)
- Kentucky (STABLE KY)
- Missouri (MO ABLE)
- New Hampshire (STABLE NH)
- New Mexico (ABLE New Mexico)
- Ohio (STABLE Account)
- Oklahoma (OK STABLE)

- South Carolina (Palmetto STABLE)
- Vermont (STABLE Account)
- West Virginia (WV ABLE)
- Wyoming (WYABLE)

**Utah** is joining this month, and we couldn't be more excited!

What: ABLE New Mexico has been helping individuals living with disabilities and their families to save and invest since 2018. The program started with 30 accounts, and has grown to 862 in three short years!

Account owners have saved an average of \$7,000.

**451** accounts have between **\$1,000** and **\$9,999**.

**121** accounts have between **\$10,000** and **\$24,999**.

28 accounts have between \$25,000 and \$99,999.

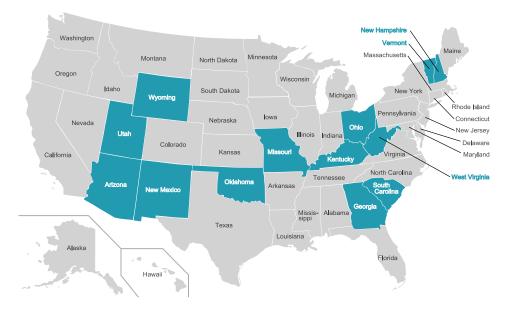
When: The Stephen Beck, Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act was signed in 2014, New Mexico's ABLE Act in 2016, and now is a great time to start saving!

Open an account **today** at <a href="https://ablenewmexico.com/">https://ablenewmexico.com/</a>.

Where: No bank trips! Open and maintain the online account from the comfort of your home. Account access 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Why: Everyone deserves the opportunity to save and invest their money. Everyone deserves the freedom to decide how and when to spend their money. Everyone deserves the independence afforded by financial autonomy.

How: Applying for an account is quick and easy. Simply <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to begin the application process or to access your existing account.



# **Otero County Advocates for Developmental Disabilities**

Otero County Advocates for **Developmental Disabilities** (OCADD) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to support community inclusion, selfadvocacy, and supported employment for individuals with developmental disabilities and intellectual disabilities.

OCADD was organized to promote awareness, training/ education, and self-advocacy, and support employment of and inclusion for our intellectual and developmentally disabled community; and to develop a resource center for families in need of services. OCADD does this by:

- Empowering and elevating individuals to have access to programs and accommodations so that they can live with a quality of life not available to them without support.
- Connecting individuals of all ages, and their families, with access to all the community resources available, and creating the resources needed to set them up with a customized program that will optimize their success.
- Teaching self-advocacy and life skills at every age, and teaching parents/caregivers to ensure safety and support.
- Promoting acceptance and awareness for these community members

through training and corporate incentives when companies take steps to become more inclusive to this population.

- Providing scholarships to individuals and their families to attend workshops and conferences to better themselves.
- Holding weekly support groups and workshops.
- Actively distributing literature everywhere those with a diagnosis are likely to see it.
- Actively promoting services on local radio and at community events, and being a visible presence through year-round fundraising efforts that integrate the special-needs community with the general public.

OCADD's founders, Chinda Lucoski and Christina Hastings, are two moms with a child on the Autism spectrum and other underlying disabilities. Chinda and Christina founded the organization because they saw a need for a family support group in Alamogordo and Otero County, and they wanted to give back to this great community.

## The Learning Loft

OCADD meets every other Friday at 7 pm in the Learning Loft, a virtual meeting for young



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adults and parents. At Learning Loft the participants advocate and educate, listen to guest speakers, play games, do arts and crafts projects, and just hang out.

For more information, call Christina at 575-921-2193 or Chinda at 575-491-3188; email OteroCountyAdvocatesforDD@ gmail.com; or visit the Facebook page, <a href="https://">https://</a> www.facebook.com/ OCADDinAlamogordo.

#### **OCADD Executive Officers**

- Chinda Lucoski, President and Co-Founder
- Tammi Johnson, Treasurer
- Christina Hastings, Secretary and Co-Founder

#### **OCADD Board Members**

- Alicia Lucoski
- Benjamin Lewis
- Christina Gonzales
- Dylan Puryear
- Elaina Rios
- Janice Ochoa
- Racquel Morris

# The Longest Day: Take Action in the Fight Against Alzheimer's Disease

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, so it's the perfect time to join the fight to end Alzheimer's Disease. One way to do that is to participate in **The Longest Day**.

The Longest Day is the day with the most light—the summer solstice. On June 20, 2021, thousands of participants from across the world come together to fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through an activity of their choice. Together, they use their creativity and passion to raise funds and awareness for the care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Click here to see plenty of fun ideas to engage family and friends in The Longest Day and follow #TheLongestDay and #ENDALZ on social media.

#### **ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S**

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC.



The annual global cost of dementia is **\$818 BILLION** in U.S. dollars.

The number of people living with dementia worldwide is set to skyrocket to **82 MILLION** by 2030.

Alzheimer's kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer **COMBINED**.

More than **6 MILLION** Americans are living with Alzheimer's. More than 11 MILLION family and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias in the United States.

1 IN 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. In 2020, caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias provided an estimated 15.3 BILLION HOURS of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation yalued at more than

\$256.7 billion.

In 2021, Alzheimer's disease will cost the United States \$355 BILLION. By 2050, these costs are expected to exceed \$1.1 trillion.

# The Moving Forward Conference & Self-Advocate Summit 2021

The Arc of NM, the
Developmental Disability
Council, and the Center for
Self-Advocacy present the
2021 conference with the
theme: Moving Forward
Together: Innovation,
Advocacy and Collaboration.

This virtual event is on four Wednesdays (June 9, 16, 23, and 30). Topics include:



 Creative strategies on coping with isolation during a pandemic

- How self-advocacy can empower people with disabilities to reclaim access and independence
- How policies have affected support programs
- The importance of employment and inclusion during a pandemic

More details at <a href="https://www.arcnm.org/annual-conference-2021/">https://www.arcnm.org/annual-conference-2021/</a>.

Do you know a person or an organization who would be interested in an ABLE New Mexico presentation? For more information, contact:

Heather Benavidez at (505) 639-3525 or heather.benavidez@ state.nm.us ABLE New Mexico Now Has

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# ABLE New Mexico YouTube Video

"Saving for the Future of Your Child with a Disability"

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https://youtu.be/ kcDx0en7khc

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# COMING SOON:

## **NEW FEATURES AND UPDATES FOR STABLE ACCOUNTHOLDERS**

STABLE Account is pleased to welcome its newest partner.

Beginning **July 6**, **2021**, Sumday Administration, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank of New York Mellon, will join STABLE Account as its new program manager.

In order for Sumday to begin serving STABLE accountholders, a transition must occur, which will impact your ability to access your account.

Please see below for important dates and FAQs related to the upcoming transition to Sumday.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ))

#### **Program Management Transition**

## When will the transition take place?

The transition will occur between Friday, June 25th at 4pm EST and Tuesday, July 6th at 9am EST.

During the transition period, account access will be unavailable.

#### Freeze on account access

Beginning **Friday, June 25th at 4pm EST**, you <u>will not</u> be able to access your account online or make any transactions (make a deposit/contribution, withdrawal, or investment change) until the transition is complete.

On **Tuesday**, **July 6th at 9am EST** account access will be restored.

## Last opportunity to access account before conversion

The last opportunity before the conversion to make a deposit/contribution, withdrawal, or investment change (execute a trade) is prior to 4pm EST on Friday, June 25th. All transactions must be completed by that time, and the user should log-off prior to 4pm EST.

On **Tuesday, July 6th at 9am EST** transactions will be able to commence once the transition is complete.

## When will I have access to my STABLE Account again?

All accountholders will be able to access their account on the new Sumday platform on **Tuesday**, **July 6th at 9am EST** once the transition is complete.



What will happen if I visit the current accountholder portal during the freeze period between June 25th and July 5th?

Visitors to the current accountholder portal will be redirected to a landing page stating that accountholder services are unavailable. Accountholder services will resume on the morning of July 6th, and accountholders will be required to update their log-in credentials at that time.

What do I need to do?

#### 1. Plan ahead!

• Make sure to withdraw the funds you need before 4:00pm EST on Friday, June 25th. Funds from your STABLE Account can be transferred to your personal bank account or STABLE Visa Card, if you have one.

# 2. Review your account profile information today to make sure your contact information is accurate and up to date.

• The administrator email address saved to your account will become your username on the new system after the transition is complete.

# 3. Review any automatically scheduled ACH contributions to your STABLE Account that occur annually or quarterly.

- The new system will only allow automatically scheduled *monthly* contributions.
  - » Annual and quarterly scheduled contributions will be canceled if not changed to a monthly contribution by **Friday**, **June 25th at 4pm EST**.
  - » After the transition, you can set up or modify any recurring monthly contributions.

# 4. Review any third-party check features (like rent payments) scheduled during the freeze on account access.

• If you use a third-party check feature, you will need to schedule the payment to occur prior to **4pm EST on June 25th**.

# How do I gain access to my account after the transition is completed?

Once the transition is complete on **Tuesday**, **July 6th**, the Sumday account management system will send all accountholders an email notification with instructions on how to "retrieve" the account in the new system and create a <u>new</u> password.

To do this, you will be required to provide <u>two</u> of the following <u>three</u> pieces of information:

#### 1. Current Account Number

• If you use your current account number, please make sure to add a "ST" directly in front of your 12-digit account number.

#### 2. Date of Birth

• If you are managing the account for someone else, please use your Date of Birth – not the accountholder's.



#### 3. Social Security Number

• If you are managing the account for someone else, please use your SSN – not the accountholder's.

You must have this current account information available when retrieving your new account. Once the account has been retrieved, please use the email address saved to your account as your username.

Your STABLE Account historical data, including quarterly statements and tax forms, will be available to you on the new Sumday platform beginning July 6th.

6 Will I be able to keep my STABLE VISA card?

Yes. If you have a STABLE Visa card, you will be able to keep it. You will not need a new card. In fact, funds loaded on to your STABLE VISA card prior to **4pm EST on Friday, June 25th**, will be available for your use during the transition period.

#### **Direct Deposit**

I currently take advantage of the direct deposit feature for managing my STABLE account. What do I need to do to continue using this service?

If all or a portion of your paycheck is directly deposited into a STABLE Account, you must contact your employer immediately to place a stop on current direct deposit arrangements. This should be done prior to June 11th.

After July 6th-- and after you have "retrieved" your account -- you will need to fill out and sign a "Payroll Deduction Form." This document will be sent to you via US Mail. Additionally, current direct depositors will receive an email after July 6th that includes a link to access the form online.

Please be sure to retain the original and make a copy of the Payroll Deduction Form once you have completed it – you will need both to re-enroll.

The completed original Payroll Deduction Form must be mailed to Sumday at the following address:

STABLE Account Program PO Box 9671 Providence RI 02940-9671

As an alternative to mailing the form to Sumday, you may upload the completed Payroll Deduction Form by using Sumday's upload feature. Once you have retrieved your account, please select the "Contact Us" option, follow the steps, and you will be able to upload your completed form.



The completed copy of your Payroll Deduction Form must be provided to your employer's payroll specialist in order to re-enroll in your employer's direct deposit program, or you can use the instructions on the form to re-enroll in direct deposit through your employer's self-managed payroll site.

Current direct depositors will receive additional information about this process, including a printed Payroll Deduction Form, via US mail sometime in July.

#### **Managing Multiple STABLE Accounts - Entity Authorized Legal Representatives**

I am an Entity Authorized Legal Representative (ALR) and/or I manage multiple accounts. What actions must I take prior to July 6th?

Prior to July 6th, confirm you have access to <u>two</u> of the following <u>three</u> pieces of information in order to "retrieve" the accounts post transition:

- 1. Current Account Number
  - a. Please make sure to add a "ST" directly in front of the current account number.
- 2. Authorized Legal Representative's **Date of birth or date used in place of a Date of Birth**
- 3. Authorized Legal Representative's Social Security number or Tax ID Number (TIN)

Beginning on Tuesday, July 6th, the Sumday account management system will send an email notification to entities that manage multiple accounts. The email notification will contain instructions on how to "retrieve" the account in the new system and how to create a new password. You will need the above information in order to proceed.

Please be certain to have the current account information available when retrieving your new account. <u>Many entities used the date their business started as the Date of Birth or a TIN in place of the Social Security number.</u>

Once the account has been retrieved, the email address saved to your account will become your username.

#### **General Questions**

Will the investment options for STABLE Account change?

No. All current investment options will remain available after July 6th.

10 How often will I be billed?

After the transition is complete, fees will be charged to your account on a quarterly basis.



Will the PO Box address change for check contributions and all other mail?

Yes. Contributions by check and other mail should be sent to the following address:

STABLE Account Program PO Box 9671 Providence, RI 02940-9671

Will the 1-800 customer service number change?

No. The customer service number will remain 1-800-439-1653.

How do I know that my account will be secure during this transition?

Your privacy and financial security are of the utmost importance to us. We assure you that your investments and account information will remain safe and secure during the transition process.

14 How much will I be charged after the transition is complete?

Your standard recurring fees will be reduced. Beginning July 6th, your maintenance fee will be \$9.75 per quarter (\$3.25 per month). Previously, accountholders were charged \$3.50 per month.

For Ohio residents, the maintenance fee will be \$6.75 per quarter (\$2.25 per month). Previously, Ohio residents were charged \$2.50 per month.

The Asset Under Management (AUM) fees remain the same for all accountholders.

15 Are there any other new miscellaneous fees?

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Yes. There is a \$20.00 ACH fail/return check fee and a \$15.00 fee if a check issued for payment needs to be reissued. These fees are only charged if such an event occurs.

Is there a charge to receive paper statements?

Yes. The \$10.00 fee to receive paper quarterly statements remains unchanged.

There is no charge for electronic quarterly statements.

If you have additional questions about the upcoming program management transition, please contact STABLE Account at <a href="mailto:info@mystableaccount.com">info@mystableaccount.com</a>.