



Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential

BOARD RECRUITMENT INFORMATION

LEAP is looking for persons with disabilities who have skills in fundraising, marketing or human resources who feel passionate about LEAP’s mission and programs and would like to be on the Board of Directors. A person with disabilities is someone who has a physical or mental condition, or has a history of such condition, that limits that person in some major life activity, such as (but not limited to):

Arthritis	Diabetes	Muscular dystrophy
ALS	Emphysema	Neurological
Asthma	Hearing loss	Paralysis
Brain Injury	Heart Disease	Seizures
Cancer (or a history of)	HIV/AIDS	Severe hyper/hypotension
Cerebral palsy	Learning disabilities	Spinal cord injuries
Chemical sensitivities	Macular Degeneration	Stroke
COPD	Mental health conditions	Vision loss
Depression	Multiple sclerosis	

Disability is a natural part of life. Everyone knows someone who has a condition that interferes with their ability to live the life they want. Roughly one in every four people has a disability, and the majority of those disabilities are acquired through illness, accident, or disease.

The Independent Living Philosophy emphasizes the right of people with disabilities to make choices for themselves, and it places the utmost value on consumer control, self-help, and self-advocacy. Equal access to all services, activities, and facilities are also important tenets in the independent living philosophy.

In every service it provides, LEAP gives people with disabilities control by providing opportunities and by supporting them in their choices. LEAP upholds the values of choice and self-direction, independence and empowerment, inclusion and integration, and dignity and respect—values drawn straight from the independent living philosophy.

LEAP's mission is to advance a society of equal opportunity for all persons, regardless of disability. We accomplish this mission by:

- Providing information, education, training, employment, and independent-living services to people with disabilities
- Helping people with disabilities identify and eliminate barriers to employment and independent living in the areas of income support, access to health care, transportation, housing, personal care, and assistive technology
- Promoting fully accessible and integrated communities so that all persons with disabilities can work, learn, shop, and socialize where they choose, without barriers, and
- Advocating on the local, state, and national levels for social change and public policies that promote improvements in quality of life for people with disabilities.

Quality of life matters, and for individuals who work with LEAP, quality of life is changed in highly personalized ways. When people with disabilities work with LEAP, they experience not only independence and choice, but also a heightened sense of life’s joys.

Please contact Melanie Hogan, LEAP Executive Director at 216-696-2716 or mhogan@leapinfo.org if you are interested in joining the LEAP Board or if you know a person with disabilities who may be a good fit for our board.