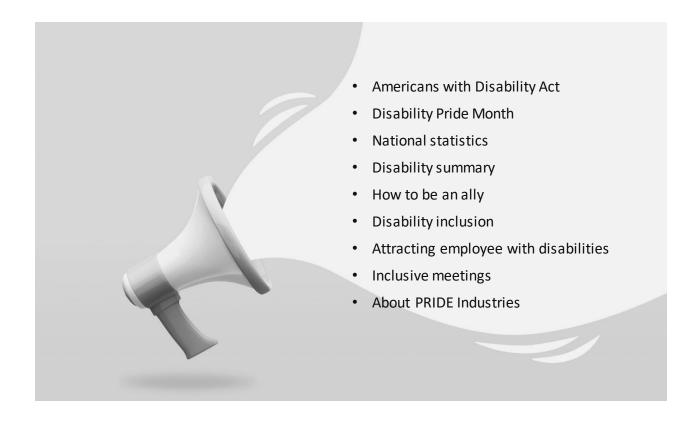


Including People with Disabilities



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### ADA Anniversary

### 33 Years Today



#### Judy Heumann, "mother of the disability rights movement"



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p57NyoqpO E



## Disability Pride Month - July

- Celebrated every July
- Flag Colors
  - Faded black anger and mourning over the neglect that people with disabilities must fight against
  - Red –physical disabilities
  - Gold neurodiversity
     White non apparent disabilities and undiagnosed disabilities
  - Blue –emotional and psychiatric disabilities
  - Green Sensory disabilities, including deafness, blindness, and audio processing



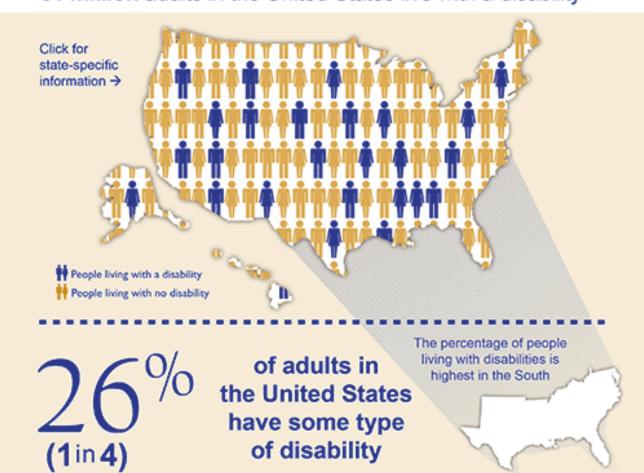
## **Disability Impacts**







61 million adults in the United States live with a disability



U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS	Persons with a disability		Persons without a disability	
	June 2022	June 2023	June 2022	June 2023
Participation Rate	23.1%	24%	67.8%	68.7%
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	6.8%	3.5%	3.6%



#### Visible and Invisible Disabilities



Developmental / Intellectual Disabilities

Autism, behavior disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and Spina Bifida



**Hearing loss** 



**Physical** 

Cerebral Palsy, spinal cord injuries, Multiple Sclerosis, amputation, muscular dystrophy



Blind/visual impairment



Mental health/psychiatric disorders

Depression, Anxiety Disorder (including PTSD), Bipolar Affective Disorder, Schizophrenia



Traumatic brain injury

Skull fracture, hemorrhage, stroke, concussion



Neurodivergent

Dyslexia, ADHD, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia



#### Being an Ally for People with Disabilities

"An ally is someone who supports and advocates for the equality, equity, dignity, and rights of oppressed people groups of which they are not a part. An ally is also someone who challenges people and systems who, consciously or unconsciously, perpetuate oppression against those oppressed groups."

- Daily Work



# How To Be An Ally For People With Disabilities

- Use people-first language.
- Speak directly to the person with a disability.
- Ask before giving assistance.
- Educate yourself and understand your privilege
- Curb your assumptions
- Use your voice





## Disability Inclusion

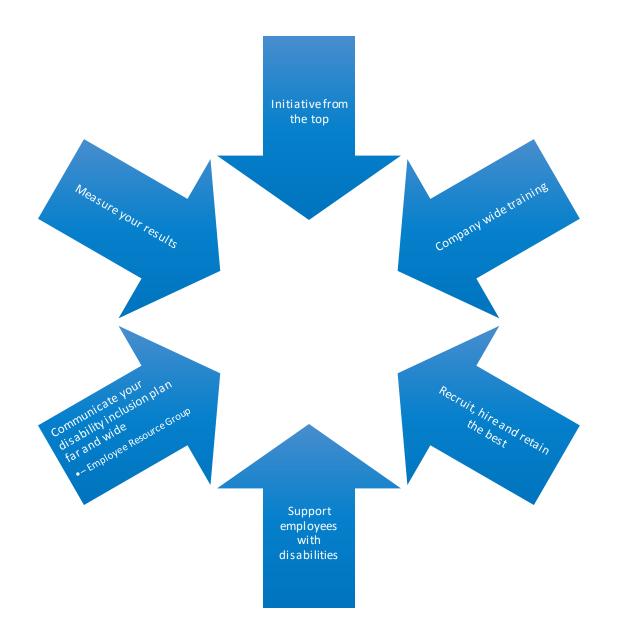
 Making sure everybody has the same opportunities to participate in every aspect of life to the best of their abilities and desires

## Disability Inclusive Workplace

"having an inclusive workplace means that people are valued regardless of their roles"

Feeling safe to include psychological safety

# Promoting and Inclusive Workplace



# Why Hire a Person with a Disability

Investing in diversity leads to financial gains
Untapped workforce and a valuable resource
Individuals with disabilities are loyal workers

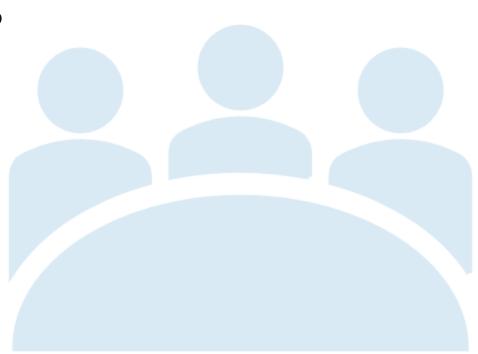
## Attract Employees with Disabilities



## How to Make Meeting and Events Neuro-Inclusive



- Print agendas in advance
- Clear meeting purpose
- Use plain language
- Written Instructions
- Routine meetings
- Sensory retreat spaces
- Breaks
- Seating preferences



### **Consider This**

Flip the Script on (dis) ABILITY



#### **What Drives Us**

#### **OUR MISSION**

To create employment for people with disabilities

#### **OUR VISION**

An inclusive world where people of all abilities have equal access to achieve their employment goals.

#### **OUR CORE VALUES**



**Integrity**We do the right thing.



**Teamwork**We work together.

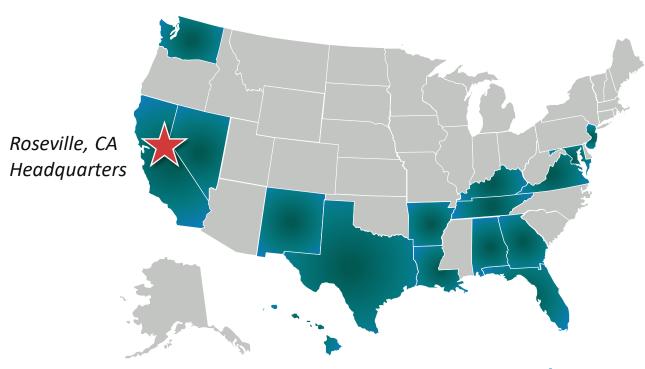


**Tenacity**We won't give up.



Innovation
We are problem solvers.

#### Founded in 1966



Leading employer of people with disabilities in the United States

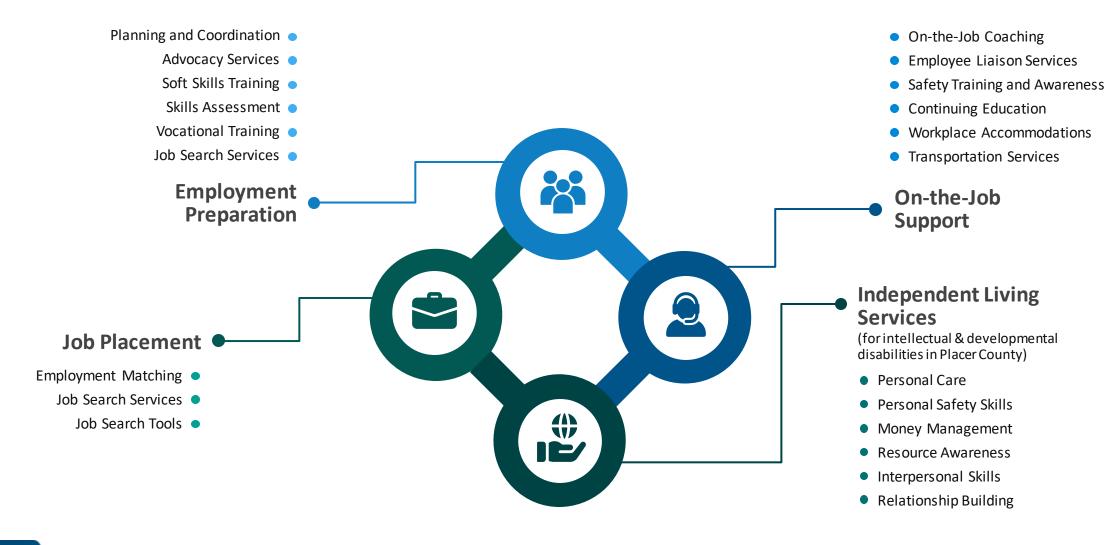
6,300+

Team members employed, placed, and served

3,700 With Disabilities



### Services for People with Disabilities



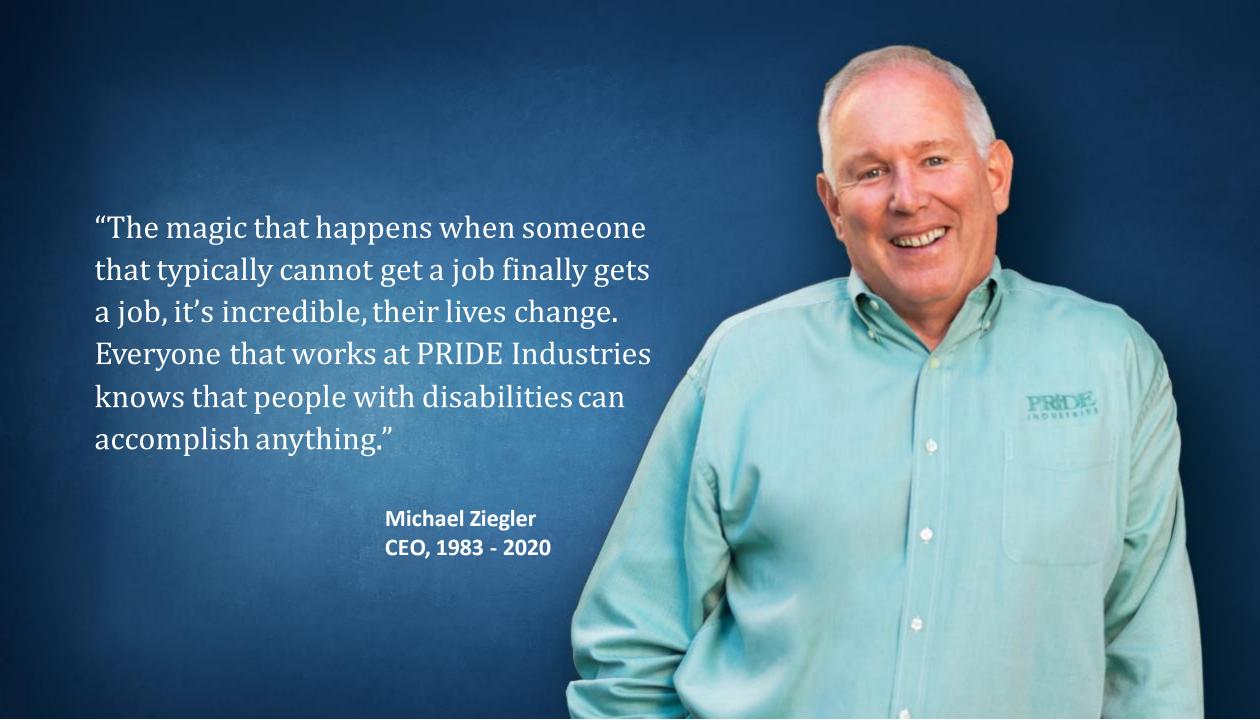


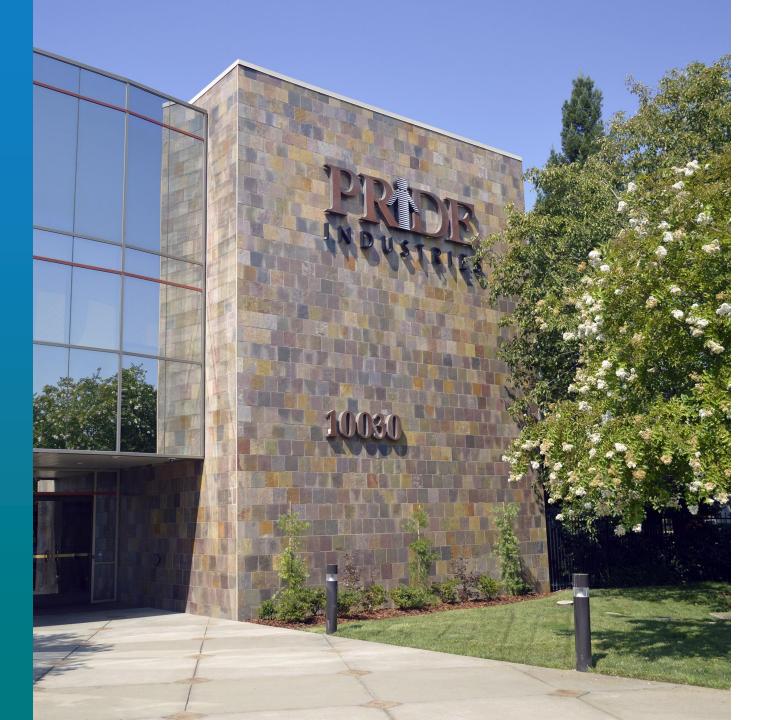
### More than 50% of Our Workforce has a Disclosed Disability

Every day, we prove the success of an inclusive workforce hiring model across an array of industries.

Are people with disabilities included in your Diversity and Inclusion program?







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