



HELPING CHURCHES MAKE JESUS ACCESSIBLE.



1 IN 6 CHILDREN

&



1 IN 4 ADULTS

**ARE IMPACTED BY DISABILITY
IN AMERICA.**

IS YOUR CHURCH READY TO
WELCOME THEM & THEIR FAMILIES?



WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Our team has 50+ years of combined experience pastoring, consulting, and leading healthy churches. We are dedicated to equipping churches across the nation, providing assessments, resources, and training.

OUR PROCESS



**START W/ A 30 MIN.
FREE CONSULTATION**



**WE ASSESS YOUR PEOPLE,
PLACE, PROGRAMS**



**THEN HELP YOU MODIFY &
ADAPT YOUR MINISTRIES.
(AT A PACE THAT WORKS FOR
YOU & YOUR TEAM)**



IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE, IT'S INTENTIONAL

Disability affects every community: every age, ethnicity, and socioeconomic class. Your church should reflect your community.

As the Church, we should be the most inclusive place on the planet!

Ministry to and with individuals with disabilities does not require a medical or special education degree, but it does require intentional effort to be effective.

It's not about starting a new ministry, it's about changing your culture to include persons with disability into existing ministries of the church.

THOUGHT STARTERS



PEOPLE

Are there attitudinal barriers keeping families from feeling welcome?

Attitudinal barriers such as:

- *"That's not our church's mission or ministry"*
- *"We don't have enough staff or volunteers"*
- *"They are a distraction in service"*



PLACE

If families can't access the main areas of your church, what kind of signal are you sending to your community?



PROGRAM

Are we cognizant of family's needs? Are there steps we can take to make families feel included and cared for in each of our ministries?



SIGN UP FOR YOUR 30 MIN FREE
CONSULTATION HERE:

Fill out the form so we can get to know you
and your church needs better!



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The AbilityTree logo, featuring a stylized tree icon above the word "abilitytree" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The logo is overlaid on a green-tinted background image of three people (a child, a woman, and a man) running together. The child is wearing a NASA tank top and a race bib with the number 35. The woman is wearing a dark tank top and a race bib with the number 38. The man is wearing a light-colored t-shirt with a tree logo and a race bib with the number 36. The background image is semi-transparent and serves as a backdrop for the logo.

JUST SOME OF OUR INCREDIBLE CONSULTING PARTNERS



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WE'D LOVE TO PARTNER WITH YOU!



HOW ACCESSIBLE IS YOUR CHURCH?

TAKE THE TEST FOR YOURSELF!

Print or digitally take our accessibility self-test, provided in the next two pages!

Seed, Sapling, or Tree... no matter your "level", Ability Tree is devoted to helping churches like yours make Jesus accessible and to leveling up ministries across the U.S. to welcome and include families impacted by disability.



HOW ACCESSIBLE IS YOUR ORGANIZATION?

INSTRUCTIONS: Give yourself 1 point for each question answered yes. Add your score for each section and place in the designated circle. Once all sections are completed, add up scores from each section to calculate your accessibility score. Your total score will determine your organizations accessibility level on the back!

YOUR PLACE



- Are there designated accessible parking spaces near your entrance?
- Are there curb cuts for wheelchairs to access the sidewalk and entrance?
- If more than one level, is there a ramp or elevator for access?
- Is there an accessible stall in each bathroom, or a single use bathroom?
- Within your building, is there enough room for wheelchairs to easily maneuver aisles and empty spaces for them to sit within seating areas?

YOUR PEOPLE



- Is there a plan in place for Welcome Team or Greeters to properly receive individuals/families who have special needs?
- Do you have a designated person on site to attend to new individuals/families who have special needs?
- Have your pastors and staff received intentional training to welcome an individual/family with special needs?
- Have you offered training for children and youth ministries on how to best welcome and include those with special needs?

YOUR PROGRAMS



- Do you have sensory items available (i.e. fidgets, headphones) to give to children if needed?
- Is there a calming/comfort room centrally located for kids/teens to access if needed?
- Have your leaders been trained on how to adapt teaching lessons and to be flexible in their ministries to better include someone with physical and/or intellectual needs?
- Have you created a 1:1 team of trained volunteers ready to serve kids/teens with special needs?

BONUS



- **Worth 3 Points!** Can you successfully access and navigate your entire space (foyer, sanctuary, classrooms, stage, bathrooms, etc.) in a wheelchair? If so, give yourself 3 points! (If you try it out, send us a video or tag us on Instagram @abilitytree!)



YOUR ACCESSIBILITY SCORE!

What does your score mean? Find out your organization's accessibility level on the back.





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0 - 4 POINTS

- SEED LEVEL: BEGINNER

Just getting started? We'd love to help!



5 - 9 POINTS

- SAPLING LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

Great Start! We can help you get to the next level.



10 - 16 POINTS

- TREE LEVEL: ADVANCED

Excellent! We can help you keep up the great work.

INTERESTED IN LEVELING UP YOUR ORGANIZATION'S ACCESSIBILITY?

Through Ability Tree consulting, we can help you effectively welcome families in your community impacted by disability!

Visit AbilityTree.org/Consulting for more information.

