

2024 Arc of Illinois Speak Up Speak Out Summit

**BUILDING MY FINANCIAL STRENGTH WITH MY IL ABLE ACCOUNT**





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# Who is At the Table



- **Tom Sadzewicz**  
Self Advocate and IL ABLE Account Owner
- **Phyllis Kincs**  
Tom's Mom and IL ABLE Account Supporter
- **JJ Hanley**  
Deputy Chief Officer, Financial Products, Illinois State Treasurer's Office
- **Stephanie Kanter**  
Director, IL ABLE, Illinois State Treasurer's Office



# What is an IL ABLE Account?



**ABLE means:**

**Achieving a Better Life Experience**

**An IL ABLE Account is an account that a person with a disability can own to save and invest money that can be used to pay for things that help to improve their quality of life, health and wellness, and independence.**



# Why Have an IL ABLE Account?

**To help individuals save money without risking their public benefits such as SSI or Medicaid.**

**To help individuals save for things they want or need now and in the future.**

**To help individuals avoid unnecessary spend down of unused benefits.**



# How Do You Use an IL ABLE Account?



**Money in an IL ABLE Account can be used for expenses that help to maintain or improve health, quality of life, or independence of the Account Owner. Such as:**

- Education
- Housing
- Transportation
- Employment training and job coaching
- Assistive technology
- Personal support services
- Healthcare, prevention and wellness
- Financial management and administrative services
- Legal fees

# Where Can You?



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**Thank You!**

**Questions for Tom?**