

## Accessible Savings: The Advisor's Role in Maximizing ABLE Impact



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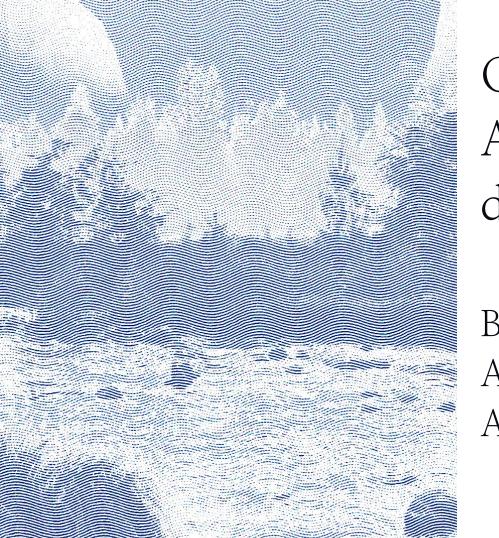
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Over 70 million Americans have a disability.

But only 213,000 Americans have an ABLE account.

## Opportunity + Momentum



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\$2.7B in ABLE and growing

YoY Growth:

+32% AUM

+18% Accounts

+37% Contributions

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Market nearly doubles Jan. 1, 2026

New law will expand eligibility rules to include later-in-life disabilities

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## ABLE as a Retirement Option

Recently introduced federal legislation would streamline ability for employers to offer ABLE accounts in lieu of a 401k

## ABLE Benefits

- Tax free growth and withdrawals anytime Like a super-powered Roth + ESA
- Can complement or replace a traditional retirement option
- No source restrictions, anyone can contribute

- Can use as a short or long-term vehicle
   Buy groceries... or a house
- Contribution limits
  (annual):
  \$19,000, or
  \$34,060 if working
  and not contributing
  to a workplace plan

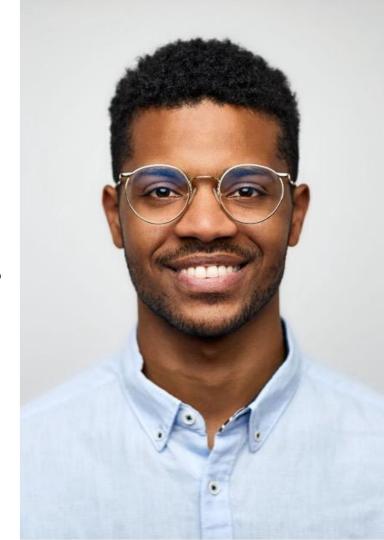
- Income tax
   deductions or credits
   in 20+ states
- ABLE funds do not affect eligibility for means-tested public assistance programs (e.g., Medicaid)





# Who is the ABLE Saver?

- Vast majority are *long-term savers*, not short-term spenders. Quarterly withdrawal rates are just 3-4% of total assets. Over the past year, 67% of funded ABLE accounts *made no withdrawals*.
- Most people managing an ABLE account are saving for someone else. 43% of these individuals are parents saving for a child.
- The average account balance is \$12,500.



#### 529 clients are ideal....

## Every presentation starts with the opportunity!

Stay with their advisor

**Move assets** 

**Stay invested** 

13 years

Almost 3xs longer than other clients

36%

529 clients move all assets to advisor within 3 years

99%

NY 529 clients DO NOT withdraw until college years

#### Missed opportunity + powerful story

Simply don't know any better

50%

of families are NOT familiar with 529 plan benefits<sup>1</sup>

Saving, but NOT with 529

63%

of college planners are NOT using 529 plans<sup>1</sup>

College cash on the sideline

\$373B

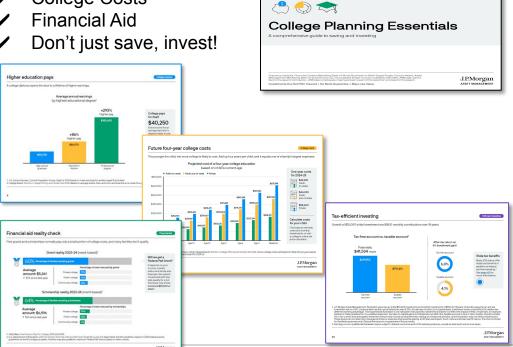
of college assets in cash1

#### **Leading with Insights**

**College Planning Essentials** 

**College Matters** 

**College Costs** 



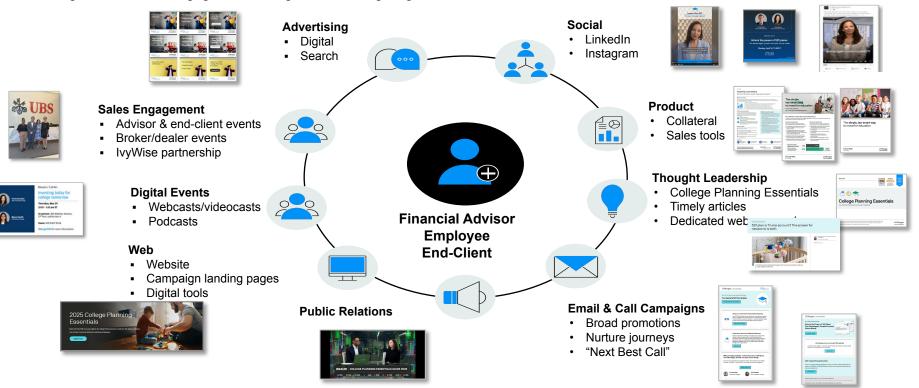
#### **Thought-Leadership**

- FAFSA fallout
- Ditch the College Debt
- 529 Plan or Trump Account?



#### **Coordinated Sales & Marketing Activation**

Maximizing our reach and engagement through data-led targeting and coordinated content distribution: "Surround-Sound"



#### Media and Press Coverage: Driving awareness leads to success in the marketplace

#### Press interviews and coverage for College Planning Essentials

- Mar 27 | Yahoo Finance CPE launch on Wealth with Brad Smith
- Mar 31 | CNBC interview with Jess Dickler, CNBC personal finance
- March 31 | WSJ interview how parents feel about 529 plans with recent market volatility
- April 12 | CNBC article 'How college tuition can soar' with CPE slide
- May 5 | Platinum Talks Wealth podcast
- May 7 | Yahoo Finance Decoding Retirement podcast
- May 13 | Asset TV Masterclass Panel and interview
- May 29 | **Yahoo Finance** 529 Day on Wealth with Brad Smith
- June 10 | In the Nasdaq video interview series







#### Advertising and paid search to maximize impact with highly targeted placements

- Drive consistent engagement with ad placements where FAs are consuming college planning-focused content in broader finance pubs
- Partner with networks that have access top financial news sites (ex. CNBC, WSJ)
- Paid social on LinkedIn allows us to target advisors in highest opportunity areas
- Year-round Paid Search is scaled for discoverability with Advisors







### Ways to Include ABLE Services

#### Advisors

01

Distribution opportunities through Vestwell partnership

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Account set up and advising for client or client's child (fee-based advising) Vestwell can help simplify set-up

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Include as a retirement planning solution (ABLE as a "triple" Roth)

Basic client education and awareness

Distribution opportunities through Vestwell partnership

Put ABLE in benefits suite, alongside set up of 401k, ESA, HSA, etc. (zero cost)

*Employers* 

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Basic education and awareness for employees (inclusive financial wellness)



## Any questions?

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#### Learn more:



