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## Ability Building Services, Inc.

Ability Building Services, Inc. currently supports 135 people with intellectual disabilities to live and work independently in the Yankton community. We employ approximately 140 staff. Ability Building Services' mission is "Providing opportunities for enriched lives". We believe in a Person-Centered Approach, which means that each person's services are unique and tailored to help that person reach their life goals and provide support in the areas they desire.

Ability Building Services Employment Specialists work with people to obtain and maintain employment through person-centered approaches. We currently support over 55 people at jobs in 50 businesses throughout Yankton. We also provide residential support. We have 8 agency-owned residential properties that have staff on site. We also have staff offices in 2 community-based apartment complexes in town. We provide residential support in group homes

and supervised apartment settings, as well as follow-along services for people who live in their own homes. Services can include support with budgeting, shopping, home maintenance, meal planning and physical care, depending on each person's wants and needs. We provide a variety of other services, including Service Coordination, assistance with medical care, leisure activities and job skills training.



**ABS Employees who have been at ABS for 20 years or more! If you add them all together, they represent 363 years of service! From left to right: Sharon Oien, Shellee Heinemeyer, Bonnie Schnabel, Pat Ballensky, Rich Wright, Beth Kathol, Jodi Mortensen, Gigi Healy, Deb Keegan, Judy Hammer, Karen Hochstein, Karen Kolda and Vivian Bakke**

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