

Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers)

Q: If I am part of a family, school, organization or company that is interested in organizing a team to participate in the **Walk in the Park for Abilis**, who should be our Team Leader?

A: The Team Leader should be the logical leader of the effort and the person who is willing to give the most time to the project.

Q: Can a team have more than one Team Leader?

A: Yes, a team can have multiple Leaders. However, only one person can be identified as the Team Leader on the website, so choose one co-Leader to represent the team online and spearhead online team communications.

Q: Does a team need a minimum number of walkers?

A: No, there is no minimum size for a team. They can be as small as 2 or 3 walkers or as large as 200 walkers.

Q: How do I name my team?

A: Many teams use their family name (The Smith Family Team) or their business name (Merrill Lynch). Others are more creative (For the Love of Kevin, Jake & Us Together, Trying for Brian, Devoted to Dawn). Others simply name the team after the individual for whom they are walking (Team Andrew, Allison's Army).

Q: Can I walk if I don't form a team?

A: Individual walkers are terrific. It is always fun to come as part of a team, but many, many walkers come as individuals.

Q: How does this event raise money?

A: Although there is no required fee to walk in the **Walk in the Park for Abilis**, we strongly encourage donations. Every walker is encouraged to set a fundraising goal of at least \$100. Registering as a walker online allows walkers to raise funds via the walk website.

Q: Why does Abilis need money if it receives governmental funding?

A: Although much of Abilis's revenue comes from federal and state agencies in the form of fees for services, many services (particularly those that enhance the quality of life for our participants) are not covered by those governmental sources. The rate of growth of governmental funding has remained flat, which creates budgetary pressure because it has not kept pace with the increases in Abilis's costs (especially for employee benefits, utilities and fuel).