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## Parents With Disabilities: Here's How To Start That Business You've Dreamt About

Parenthood is a full-time job in and of itself, and living with a disability can present unique challenges to navigate each day. So, the thought of starting your own small business on top of that can be daunting. But the truth is that anyone can become a flourishing entrepreneur if they put in the time and energy necessary. Below, is a gist of how to get your dream business off the ground as a parent with a disability.

### **Funding Your Venture**

One of the most common questions parents with disabilities have when starting their own company is, "where will I get the money to do this?" Thankfully, there are many funding sources available.

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) offers [grants and loans specifically for small businesses](#) owned by people with disabilities, as well as programs to help you access capital and technical assistance. Many private organizations provide funding to eligible applicants as

well. The key is to research the available options and remain diligent when applying for grants and loans.

And don't forget the power of crowdfunding. Many startups raise all the capital they need by creating a simple, straightforward crowdfunding campaign that [explains their missions and needs](#).

## **Organizing Your Records and Documents**

Another important consideration is how you will keep track of all your records and documents as you prepare your business. If your disability makes it difficult to organize physical documents, consider digitizing them instead. That way, you can [keep everything stored safely](#) in the cloud, where it will be easy for you to access and manage.

There are many software programs available to help you do this easily and cheaply. For example, PDF tools can help you combine, edit, and organize several files in a single document. [Find a free PDF merger](#) that allows you to sort your records quickly and locate the information you need when you need it.

## **Choosing the Right Business Structure**

When starting a business, you must select the appropriate legal structure for your company. The most common structures for small businesses are sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability companies (LLCs), and corporations. Each comes with advantages and disadvantages, so do your research to determine the best fit for your business.

LLCs offer [many advantages to small business owners](#), including limited liability protection, pass-through taxation, minimal paperwork, and flexibility. You'll want to learn about your state's regulations to ensure a smooth business registration process.

## **Creating a Rock-Solid Business Plan**

A well-crafted business plan is crucial for starting a company on solid ground, as it will outline all your company's goals, financial forecasts, strategies, and more. Whether or not you plan to seek outside funding, a business plan can help you stay organized and on track as you [get your venture up and running](#). Take time to get it right!

## **Building a Great Team**

Finally, having a strong team in place is also essential for your startup's success. When hiring employees, look for individuals who share your vision for the company and complement one another's skill sets. Try to build [a team of people with diverse backgrounds](#) who can bring different perspectives to the table.

And don't forget about yourself. As the leader of your new company, it's critical to surround yourself with people who challenge and motivate you to be your best self.

## **Summary**

Starting your own business as a parent with a disability might feel like an uphill battle, but you can flourish with some extra planning and preparation. Take advantage of the funding and mentoring resources available, keep your business documents organized, and select the best legal structure for your needs. And take the time to write a thorough business plan and surround yourself with a team that drives you to long-term success!

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