

# **IMPACTability Snapshot**

Q1 Measures

**July-September 2023** 

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT:**

# **Turning Limitations into Boundless Possibilities**

Without fail, Avery's abilities have exceeded the expectations of everyone she has encountered. "At 20 months old, doctors told us Avery would never talk, have friends, or live independently," her mother says. "If only those doctors could see her now!"

Since joining STARability's Trailblazer Academy, Avery has received the structure she needs, along with fulfilling her desire to get out of the classroom and work in the community.



Avery M., STARability Trailblazer
Academy participant

On a weekly basis, Avery attends a variety of employment readiness programs in Naples with companies like Outback Steakhouse, Tacos & Tequila, St. Matthews House and Arthrex.

Companies that open their doors to programs like the Trailblazer Academy have a passion for making their community a better place and demonstrate that they value people with all types of abilities. The support of companies in our community provides opportunities for adults like Avery to showcase their abilities and open their minds to occupations they may not have considered possible.

## Participant Reach

**EXPERIENCES PROVIDED** 

16,517

STARability Transformative Experiences Offered (Trailblazer Academy/Jr. Trailblazer Academy & STAR Connections)

11,252 In-Person Experiences

5,265
Virtual Experiences

349
STAR Enrollees

## Trailblazer Academy

78

TR<u></u>AILBLAZER

17

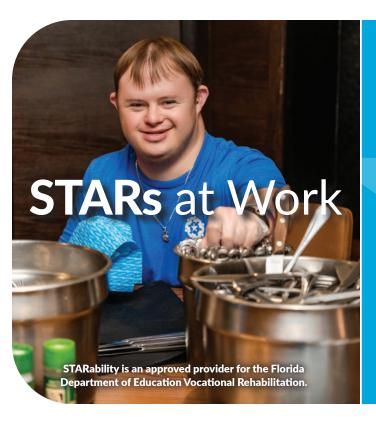
TRAILBLAZER

95

**Total In-Person & Virtual Enrollees** 

85

Individuals on the Trailblazer Academy Wait List



Individuals Served by Vocational Services

25
Job Seekers

**7** New/Additional Placements

40
Jobs Filled

68

Partners in Vocational Services Network and/or Providing Job Training Sites

# Community Support

### GERMAIN

TOYOTA OF NAPLES

Germain Toyota of Naples joined STARability as a new vocational partner.



Outback Steakhouse was awarded a STAR Award in recognition of being a vocational training site since 2021.



Learn more and support our STARs!

**STARability.org 239.594.9007** 

## **OUR MISSION**

**STAR**ability Foundation exists to transform the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## **Programs**

### **Trailblazer Academy**

Our pioneering outreach program offers community-based skill development experiences for adults, whether they are on a path to life enrichment or have vocational aspirations.

### **Virtual Trailblazer Academy**

This outcomes-driven program enables Trailblazers to connect with one another, engage in meaningful classes and activities and work toward their individualized goals from anywhere.

### **Jr. Trailblazer Academy**

Modeled after the Trailblazer Academy, this structured after-school program is offered to 14 to 22 year olds.

#### **STAR Connections**

Our largest program offers an array of social connections and life-enriching opportunities both in person and online for our STARs.

#### **Vocational Services**

This growing program helps individuals explore employment and long-term volunteer opportunities, complete job searches and receive on-the-job support.