



Operation A.B.L.E. of Greater Boston

Providing Training and Employment Services For Job Seekers 45 And Older Since 1982

OPERATION A.B.L.E. CELEBRATING 34TH ANNIVERSARY

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Massachusetts Based Job Training Non-profit Provides Training and Employment Services for Job Seekers 45 and Older

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Boston, MA - [Operation A.B.L.E.](#) (Ability Based On Long Experience), which provides training and employment resources for job seekers 45 and older, is celebrating its 34th Anniversary.

It all started May 19, 1982, when Ezra Merrill, who had recently retired as president of H.P. Hood & Company, founded *Careers for Later Years*, a non-profit dedicated to recruiting retired executives who would help other non-profits better manage their operations. That Organization became Operation A.B.L.E., which over the past 34 years has helped more than 34,000 job seekers from economically, racially and occupationally diverse backgrounds prepare to return to the workplace.

The task Operation A.B.L.E. has undertaken has become more complex and more necessary with every passing year, as the unemployed older workforce expands in numbers and in needs.

Operation A.B.L.E. President & Chief Executive Officer, [Joan Cirillo](#), says, "We know there are so many candidates that are very competent. All they need is a chance. We are trying to give them that opportunity. We really believe we can cut in half the amount of time a job seeker is out of work, and are laser-like in pursuing our mission."

To help meet its goals, Operation A.B.L.E. recently received both a Community Development Block Grant, as well as a [Neighborhood Jobs Trust Grant](#) from The Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (OWD). Operation A.B.L.E. has also added a program called [ABLE AgeWorks](#), which provides training assistance to professionals, managers and executives over the age of 45.

Note: as follows, additional material is available that may be added to coverage of this press release

- **Operation A.B.L.E. video** <http://bit.ly/1WO6gZo>
- **Success stories**
- **Photos**