Making Extra Money as a Disabled Parent

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Finding extra money to save or spend as you see fit can be difficult when you have children to take care of and bills to pay, especially <u>if you have disabilities</u> or other health conditions that keep you from working full-time outside your home. However, if you're looking for ways to make extra money, there are many ways to work from home. Below is a guide to the best side gigs for disabled parents looking to make extra money.

Benefits of Working a Side Gig

A side gig is a great way to earn extra cash — to pay off holiday debt, fund renovations, or get ahead on your mortgage. But often, working a side gig is a chance to tap into your passions and gain valuable experience in an area you love. To help, here are some <u>side</u> gigs for parents with disabilities:

- Online teacher
- Remote translator
- Social media manager
- Remote bookkeeper
- Virtual assistant

Marketing Online

Pushing your products or services online is easier than ever. There are plenty of free (or inexpensive) marketing tools at your disposal. Of course, if you have a marketing budget, you can push your message further. But whether you're just getting started or simply want another revenue stream, there are many marketing resources for small businesses with little cash flow. Start by signing up for <u>Google My Business</u>. This service helps people find your business on Google Maps — for free. It also provides contact information and lets customers see reviews about your business.

Freelancing Sites

There are dozens of popular freelance sites that pay hourly rates. You can find many jobs, from logo design to web development. If you're serious about starting a side gig, freelancing sites are a good place to begin. Freelance sites will also help you develop your skills and build up your portfolio — all good things if you want to start working for yourself in earnest.

Shopify Stores

A <u>Shopify store</u> is a great way for disabled parents to start a business. You can also take advantage of <u>affiliate programs</u> that let you earn cash by promoting other people's products through your site. If you have been working in your field for some time, you may already have enough contacts to get started with referrals right away. If not, consider joining online social media groups to network.

On your website, design an eye-catching infographic that outlines your offerings. You can employ a graphic designer to create your infographic or save money by adapting free templates for your website. You can customize a template by adding your own text, colors, backgrounds, and design components.

Forming a Business

A limited liability company (LLC) provides several advantages: limited liability, tax advantages, less paperwork, and greater flexibility. Various states have different rules for incorporating an LLC, so learn the requirements to <u>start an LLC in California</u> before proceeding. If you'd prefer not to do the work yourself, a formation service can help you and save you money on lawyer fees.

Finding Your Gig

Side gigs are an excellent way for disabled parents looking to make extra money. With so many options, you're sure to find one to suit you.

Visit The Uniquely Abled Project to find the perfect job to <u>match your ability</u> and skill set.

Linda Chase created Able Hire (ablehire.org) to help people with disabilities build rewarding, successful careers. She hopes Able Hire will be a resource for people with disabilities seeking jobs and for hiring managers seeking a better understanding of what people with disabilities have to offer.

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