



## Participant Application

**Who:** Hancock County Poss-ABILITIES is a non-profit 501c3 that is designed for youth ages 3-25 who have an intellectual, emotional, and/or physical disability interested in learning and participating in livestock exhibition.

**What:** Participants in the program work one-on-one with a mentor family to become familiar with raising and handling an animal and will exhibit at the 2024 Hancock County Community Fair in the noncompetitive Poss-ABILITIES Showcase on **Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

*Note: Our target audience is youth with intellectual, emotional, and/or physical disabilities. The purpose of this program is to give youth and their families an opportunity to work with livestock that they may not have otherwise by having them show a county fair exhibitor's project in the special Poss-ABILITIES Showcase.*

**Requirements:** Participants must attend a minimum of 3 farm visits with the mentor family and the animal they will be showing prior to the showcase. Participants must also help prepare the animal the day of the showcase (i.e. washing, feeding, etc.). This program is completely free for all participants and mentors.

### **When & Where:**

- Initial Meet & Greet will be held **Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm** at the Sarah Burke Building on the Fairgrounds 620 Apple Street Greenfield, IN 46140.
- Mentor families will be first selected on species, secondly on geography to participant's residence when available.
- The Poss-ABILITIES Showcase will be on **Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am** in the main show arena,

**How:** Complete the Attached application and return:

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- Mail: 8266 East 500 South Carthage, IN 46115
- Email: [hancockpossabilities@gmail.com](mailto:hancockpossabilities@gmail.com)
- Submit online through our Facebook page, [Hancock County Poss-Abilities | Facebook](#)
- Call with any questions to:  
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*\*Mentors will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Applicants can apply at any time to join the program and participate in workshops and meetings!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact: Phone Text Email Mail (circle one)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: Youth Adult (circle one)

1. How far are you able to travel to work with a mentor family?

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2. Which Species of Animal are you most interested in working with? Please rank your choices if you have more than 1 choice.

a. Sheep \_\_\_\_\_ b. Goat \_\_\_\_\_ c. Rabbit \_\_\_\_\_ d. Pig \_\_\_\_\_ e. Llama/Alpaca \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your child's general feeling regarding animals?

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4. What are your child's strengths?

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5. What are your child's obstacles?

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6. How would you like to see your child benefit from this program?

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7. What programs/therapeutic services is your child enrolled in?

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8. What goals does your child have?

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9. Are there any specific accommodations that will be necessary that a mentor family should be aware of?

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10. What other opportunities are you interested in learning about? (General projects i.e.; photography, Legos, crafts, foods, etc.)

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Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_