

Thank you for supporting postsecondary options for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities

The Georgia Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium seeks to create opportunities for students who have historically not had access to post-secondary educational opportunities.

Too many young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities find themselves sitting at home with nothing to do, and nowhere to go when they get out of high school. It doesn't have to be this way. Inclusive post secondary programs provide opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to further their education beyond high school, which prepares them to blossom in their careers and their lives.

All individuals have the capacity to do great things, and to continue learning, to work and to contribute to their communities. Thanks to appropriations support in the Georgia state budget over the past two years, the number of inclusive post secondary education programs in Georgia has grown from 1 to 3 over the past two years, and more programs are soon to come. We give tremendous thanks to our state legislators for supporting this exciting process and these wonderful programs!!

Inclusive Postsecondary Education by the Numbers

Number of programs currently in the U.S. and Canada: **232**

Number of programs currently in Georgia: **3**

Kennesaw State University The Academy for Inclusive Learning and Social Growth **23 students**

Columbus State University GOALS Program **2 students**

East Georgia State College CHOICE Program **3 students**

Number of NEW programs to open their doors in 2015-16: **2**

Georgia Tech & University of Georgia

**Numbers as of February 2015*



Charlie Miller, a second-year student at the Academy for Inclusive Learning at Kennesaw State University, says, "**The best way I can explain the inclusive learning academy is it's a chance to fully express yourself out from under your mom and dad's wing, into being a productive person in society.**"

He adds, "Usually we're a little different from everyone else." But on campus, surrounded by friends with and without disabilities, "we don't feel different from other students at all."

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BECAUSE EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE OPTION...



Inclusive Post-secondary Education in Georgia

As of February 2015



Goal: Develop and disseminate programs and practices that improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Post-secondary educational opportunities have the same benefits for individuals with intellectual disabilities as they do for traditional students: academic and personal skills building, independence, self-advocacy, friendships and most importantly employment skills.

X = Schools with IPSEC programs
 Q = Schools committed to developing IPSEC programs if start up funds are obtained

Total Student Enrollment

All numbers are as of January 1 of the calendar year unless otherwise noted

