



The mission of the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) is to bring about social and policy changes that promote opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities and their families to live, learn, work, play and worship in Georgia communities.

# 158,000

Approximate number of Georgians with developmental disabilities represented



## Sponsored 29 Project SEARCH Sites in GA

Project SEARCH is a business-led, high school-to-work transition program, serving students with developmental disabilities with the outcome of integrated employment.

**Project SEARCH Gets Big Results**

- 75% EMPLOYMENT RATE**
- 25 AVERAGE HOURS WORKED PER WEEK**
- \$9.61 AVERAGE WAGE PER HOUR**

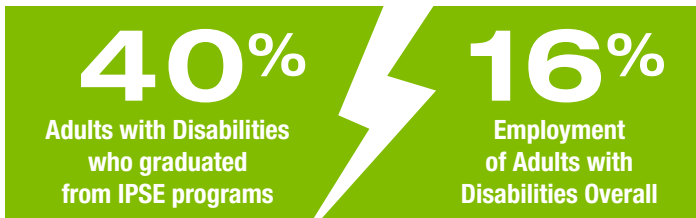


## Supported Creation of 7 IPSE\* Programs

\*Inclusive post-secondary education programs provide students with intellectual disabilities an opportunity to attend these Georgia schools:

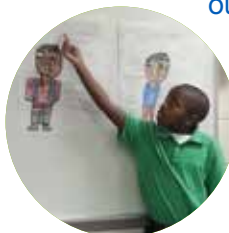
- Kennesaw State University
- East Georgia State College
- Columbus State University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Albany Technical College
- Georgia State University
- University of Georgia

## IPSE EMPLOYMENT RATE COMPARISON



## ASPIRE (Active Student Participation Inspires Real Engagement)

Student led IEP meetings in schools mean students are more invested in their future and post-secondary outcomes like employment. Over



**11,000 students & 4,000 teachers** participated this past year across Georgia in this collaboration of GCDD and GA Dept of Education.

*Quotes from Students: "I got to talk about my career plan."  
"I discussed my future goals and options I have after graduating."  
"discussed areas to improve in to attend career academy in fall"*



## Educated Georgians and Policymakers on the Benefits of Georgia STABLE Savings Accounts

# \$14,000



Amount per year people with disabilities can now save and invest since passage of the ABLE Act in Georgia, increasing their financial independence and economic self-sufficiency.



## Supports Work of GA Microboards Association

Individuals and families form microboards to create an unpaid circle of support that will endure for as long as needed. They want to establish a means to build up resources to meet the unexpected needs of the individual, to assist with self employment goals, and support community engagement.



## Statewide Workforce Development



GCDD sponsors events, trainings, and workshops around the state to grow workforce proficiency in supporting Georgians with disabilities to live increasingly independent and self-sufficient lives in their communities.



### COUNCIL FACTS:

- Consists of a 27-member Governor-appointed board from across the State
- 60% must be people with developmental disabilities or family members



## Currently Sponsors REAL COMMUNITIES Partnerships

Real Communities Partnerships purposefully involve people with and without developmental disabilities in collaborative projects to support more inter-connected and self sufficient communities inclusive of people with disabilities. Current GCDD community partnerships are:

- Al Tamyoz Community Building/Basmet Ahmed – Clarkston
- Centenary United Methodist Church (Macon Roving Listeners) – Macon
- LaGrange Community – LaGrange
- Forsyth Farmers' Market – Savannah
- Peacebuilders Camp at Koinonia Farms – Americus



# 100,000+



PEOPLE REACHED MONTHLY on Facebook & Twitter about disability related events, issues, and policies.

**2,000+** New visitors to the website each month

**5,000+** People emailed quarterly publications