

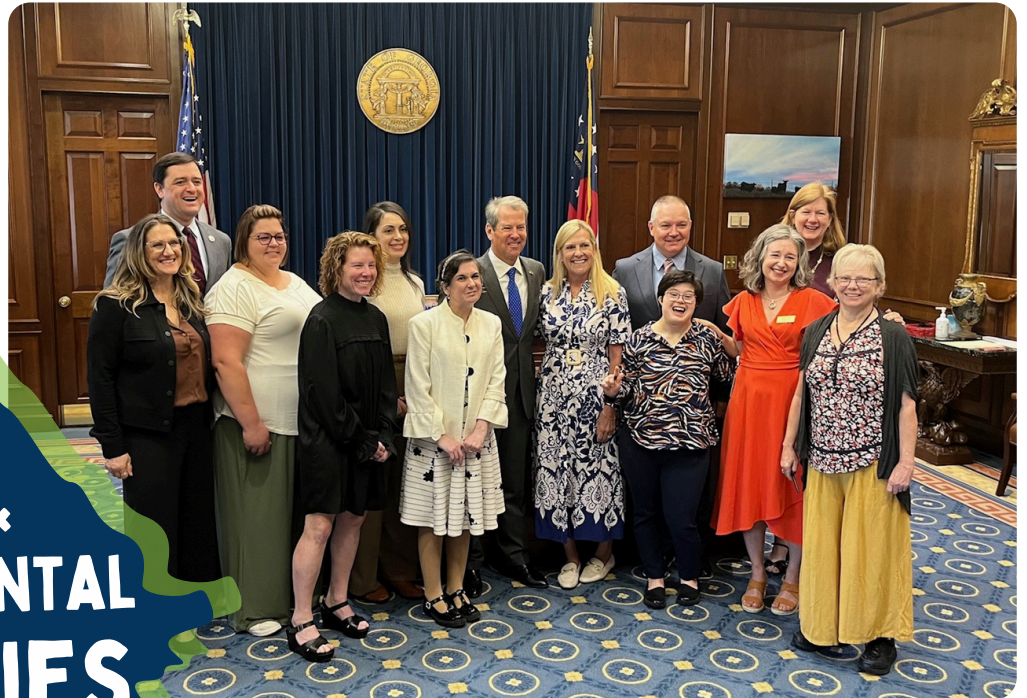
WHAT DOES THE GEORGIA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DO FOR GEORGIANS?

GCDD works to improve the lives of Georgians with disabilities and their families.

Our projects and policies benefit communities in *all* parts of the state, actively including rural communities that are often overlooked.

There is a federal proposal to end funding for all DD Councils across the country, including GCDD.

THERE ARE
167,755
PEOPLE WITH
INTELLECTUAL &
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES
LIVING IN GEORGIA



Gov. Brian Kemp and Rep. Scott Hilton pose for a group photo after the swearing in of new council members in 2024.

THE GEORGIA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES...

SAVES TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Investing in home- and community-based support costs less than institutional care. GCDD's advocacy helps reduce dependence on state systems by promoting self-sufficiency.



SUPPORTS WORKING GEORGIANS

We advocate for competitive jobs for people with disabilities, reducing reliance on benefits and contributing to Georgia's economy.



STRENGTHENS FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

By advocating for inclusive education, employment, and housing, we keep families together and communities strong—*without unnecessary government overreach.*



MAKES POLICYMAKING EFFICIENT

GCDD helps state leaders make informed, data-driven decisions that reflect Georgia values: strong families, efficient spending, and opportunity for all.



HOW GCDD EFFICIENTLY USES YOUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS

INCLUSIVE POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS

GCDD funds 10 inclusive programs which support students with disabilities in a college setting to live and work independently.



58% OF INCLUSIVE POSTSECONDARY GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED, COMPARED TO JUST 19.5% FOR THOSE WHO DON'T ATTEND

UGA'S ADVANCING EMPLOYMENT

GCDD funds UGA's Advancing Employment program which helps service providers transition to competitive employment models.



ADVANCING EMPLOYMENT HAS HELPED COUNTLESS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES START WORKING AND BECOME TAXPAYERS

GEORGIA AS A MODEL EMPLOYER (GAME)

GCDD served as technical advisor to Lt. Gov. Burt Jones on workforce development legislation that trains state agencies to hire and retain workers with disabilities.



INSTEAD OF USING STATE DOLLARS, GCDD IS SUPPORTING THE ADA COORDINATOR'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THIS INITIATIVE

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION INITIATIVE

GCDD's Technology Education Initiative trains people with disabilities, families, and providers in tech skills to boost independence, safety, and community life.



AS OF JANUARY 2025, GCDD'S TECH INITIATIVE HAS TRAINED 538 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, FAMILIES, AND PROVIDERS

GCDD DOES ALL OF THIS FOR LESS THAN .0000001% OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND .00002% OF GEORGIA'S STATE BUDGET

GCDD delivers cost-effective, local solutions that align with Georgia values. Preserving our funding ensures we continue helping individuals with disabilities live independently, work, and thrive—without growing government.

Cutting GCDD's funding would mean fewer families getting the support they need, more people relying on costly institutional care, and less accountability in how disability resources are used.

GCDD works alongside the Georgia Advocacy Office (GAO), Georgia State, and the University of Georgia as a part of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Network. Federal Health and Human Services funding for the entire DD network is at risk.

IF THIS CONCERNS YOU, SPEAK OUT NOW TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS!