



UNLOCK! Coalition

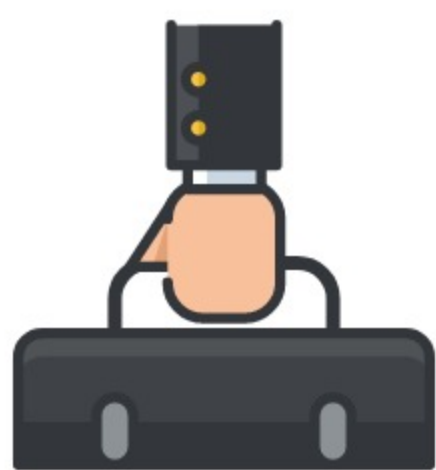
2018 Legislative Priorities



DD Waiver Funding:

The NOW/COMP waiver has the longest Medicaid waiver waiting list in Georgia of 8658 individuals (as of 10/1/17). FY 19 Budget Ask: Fund at least 600 new waivers for a state impact of \$15 million

Coalition Agency Sponsor:
Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD)
Website: gcdd.org



Competitive, Integrated Employment:

Expanding competitive, integrated employment opportunities for Georgians with disabilities

Support House Bill 831 'Georgia's Employment First Act', Sponsored by Representative Terry Rogers

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Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)
Website: gvs.georgia.gov

FY 19 Budget Ask: Fund \$4.8 million in supported employment services within DBHDD's Budget for Georgians with developmental disabilities to go to work

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Elder & Disabled Abuser Registry:

Creating a comprehensive abuser registry in Georgia. At least 19 other states have registries, including Tennessee for over 20 years

Support Senate Bill 406 'Georgia Long-term Care Background Check Program', Sponsored by Senator Brian Strickland

Coalition Agency Sponsor:
Georgia Council on Aging (CO-AGE)
Website: gcoa.org



Room and Board Supplement (Housing Subsidies):

Individuals with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by the high cost of housing

FY 19 Budget Ask: Fund an additional \$200 per SSI recipient to close the gap between current SSI income and cost of living

Coalition Agency Sponsor:
Service Provider Association for Developmental Disabilities (SPADD)
Website: spadd.org