Support Home & Community-Based Waivers

Disability services make Georgia strong by supporting people with disabilities and their families to live, work and play across Georgia.

What are HCBS waivers used for?

HCBS waivers are an optional Medicaid service that allow people with disabilities to receive services in the community, as opposed to an institutional setting.



COMP Waiver recipient Callie shared, "This waiver system can make a huge difference in the quality of someone's life. It can make life worth living." —Comer, GA



Housing Support people to live in a group home, with a roommate nr nn their nwn.



Employment Help people find and keep jobs through long-term, supported employment services.



Professional Caregivers Assist with bathing, dressing, eating and even getting to work.

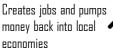


Therapies Provide for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and behavioral supports.

What do HCBS waivers mean for Georgia?

Makes a small dent in the 6,000+ Georgians on the waiting list for a waiver







Keeps families out of crisis through respite care and ensuring family members keep their jobs



Saves the taxpaver money, as HCBS waivers, on average, cost \$140,000 less than institutional settings

HCBS waivers are also called:

- NOW/COMP: Intellectual and Developmental Disability
- ICWP: Physical Disability & • Traumatic Brain Iniury
- SOURCE/CCSP: Elderly and Disabled

What Georgia Needs:

\$16.3 million increase to DBHDD to fund 650 new NOW/COMP waivers and support level funding to DCH for ICWP, CCSP and SOURCE waivers



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