**ADVOCACY DAY FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVERS**

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD)

**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.

* **Housing:** Support people to live in a group home, with a roommate or on their own.
* **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
* Creates jobs and pumps money back into local economies
* Keeps families out of crisis through respite care and ensuring family members keep their jobs
* Saves the taxpayer 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 Injury
* 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

**Questions?** Want to help? Contact **GCDD’s Public Policy Director Dawn Alford** at 404.805.9741 or *dawn.alford@gcdd.ga.gov* or **GCDD’s Planning & Policy Development Specialist Hanna Rosenfeld** at 404.275.8119 or *hanna.rosenfeld@gcdd.ga.gov*.