

Home and Community-Based Services Waivers Provide Critical Supports for Georgians with Developmental Disabilities

Over the last decade, there has consistently been between 6,000 to 8,500 Georgians with developmental disabilities left waiting, who are NOT receiving necessary supports they require to live with dignity in our state.





## Fully Fund in Five

Increase Home & Community-Based Services Waivers for Georgians with Developmental Disabilities

Georgians with developmental disabilities, their family members, and their communities are asking the Georgia legislature to support Senate Bill 208's "Fully Fund in Five" vision by funding 1100 NOW/COMP waiver slots, totaling approximately \$22 million, in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. This funding investment will be the first necessary step to ending the waiver waitlist in Georgia.

## Why Waivers Are So Critical:

Georgia's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers provide people with developmental disabilities medically necessary services and support while remaining in their communities, not in institutions or nursing homes. Waiver programs allow for states to "waive" certain Medicaid requirements and pay for HCBS as an alternative to institutions. With waiver programs in place, Georgians with developmental disabilities are able to live and thrive in their home communities throughout the state.