

The mission of the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) is to bring about social and policy changes that promote opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities and their families to live, learn, work, play and worship in Georgia communities.



Georgia kicked off the 2020 legislative session with a new public policy team - Dr. Alyssa Lee and Charlie Miller. The council approved changes which allowed GCDD to engage with legislators to ensure people with developmental disabilities are considered in ALL policy, focusing on Gracie's law, DD Waivers, competitive employment and more. Read more about Public Policy.



the biggest series the DD Council has hosted since inception of the initiative. Four days focused on policies affecting people with disabilities and brought together advocates from across the state to speak with their elected officials. Read more here.



Ten years ago, GCDD's Real Communities Partnerships began to partner with local groups that worked to support communities who welcomed all to the table and utilized everyone's gifts and skills. The impact of this effort has expanded into Welcoming Community Dialogue groups who work towards a community that offers dignity and justice for all. Read what's happening here.



CORONAVIRUS COMMON SYMPTOMS

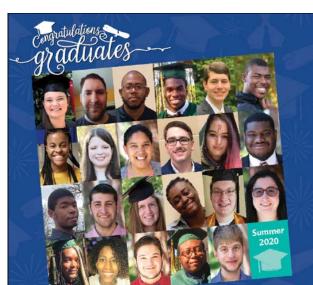


GCDD RESPONDS TO COVID-19

weekly forums that provide guidance and resources to the people with developmental disabilities across the state. GCDD's web resource page includes regional, statewide, national and international information regarding the outbreak of COVID-19.



GCDD focused on the 2020 presidential election, which saw key national and state seats up for grabs. GCDD stressed the importance of the disability vote and offered information about accessibility, transportation and what to expect at the polls. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this campaign season was unlike any in modern history. Read more here.



grads as they celebrate this milestone by share their stories and an inclusive post-secondary education program. Read more from the graduates in Georgia here.





GCDD Legislative Advocacy Director Charlie Miller interviewed Mark Johnson, renowned disability advocate and former director advocate for the Americans with Disabilities Act, what the future holds and his advice for young advocates. Watch the video or read the transcript here.



GCDD's documentary film, 6,000 Waiting, tells the powerful stories of three Georgians with developmental disabilities impacted by the lack and complexity of state Medicaid waiver funding. With persistence, courage, and self-determination, they fight to access the resources they desperately need to live life on their own terms. Read more or watch the trailer here.



The Five Year Strategic Plan determines how GCDD will allocate develop the 2022-2026 plan. See the feedback here.



GCDD BUDGET 2020

Education	\$702,338
■ Public Information	\$679,789
Council Administration	\$631,680
Real Communities	\$554,657
Self-Advocacy	\$448,755
■ Employment Services	\$429,351

■ Publicly Funded System \$330,814

Amount per year GCDD spends to support people with developmental disabilities in Georgia (Period covered: Oct 1, 2019 - Sep 30, 2020)

Thanks to our over 50 Council Members, Partners and Staff



and self-determination. View our current Council here.

Our Developmental Disabilities (DD) Network Partners







GEORGIA ADVOCACY OFFICE

The DD Network consists of three partners in each state and territory authorized under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 and administered by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities: University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, State Developmental Disabilities Councils, and State Protection and Advocacy Systems.