

# 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 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



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