

## GCDD's 2023 Public Policy Agenda



Increasing state funding to reduce the over 7,000 person NOW/COMP waiver wait list because Georgians with developmental disabilities and their families are not currently receiving the critical supports they need to live meaningful lives in their communities.



Increasing direct support professional (DSP) wages to address the staffing crisis. Professionals who support Georgians with developmental disabilities need to be paid a livable wage.



Strengthening Employment First options and ending subminimum wage practices because Georgians with developmental disabilities want real jobs for real wages.



Enhancing Georgia's Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) programs through scholarships because, unlike their peers, students with developmental disabilities have no state-funded scholarship pathway.

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