



Advancing Employment

Building a community for inclusive employment in Georgia

Georgia Providers Receive Assistance from Advancing Employment

Under a grant funded by the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, five provider organizations in Georgia have been selected to receive assistance and training from Advancing Employment. The organizations were selected using a competitive process through a Request for Assistance application. The five organizations include: ASPIRE in Albany; the Arc of Southwest Georgia; Pineland Community Service Board in Statesboro; Wesley Glen in Macon; and Woodright Industries in Cartersville.

“We are thrilled to continue this important work on behalf of Georgians with disabilities. The selected organizations represent the best of non-profits working every day to improve the employment and earning potential of the people they support,” stated Doug Crandell, who directs the project housed at the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, University of Georgia.

“It’s an exciting time in our state as the general assembly recently passed legislation known as State as Model Employer, named GAME, or Georgia as Model Employer,” added Crandell. “It’s a superb tool to advance public-private partnerships related to the employment of citizens with disabilities.” Georgia joins more than 20 states that have enacted this legislation which is recognized by the Council of State Governments and the National Governors Association as economic best-practices.



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Advancing Employment is Georgia’s Technical Assistance Center for Best Practices in Employment Supports:

Advancing Employment is managed by the Institute on Human Development and Disability at the University of Georgia. Since 1965, IHDD has been a Georgia University Center for Excellence in Disability Research, Education and Service (UCEDD), and ranks as one of UGA’s oldest continuously-funded federal programs. The IHDD works with people who have disabilities and others, to ensure that all people can achieve their highest capacity

and quality of life. Through UGA's College of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS), IHDD applies the vast resources, research, and scholarship of the university on behalf of people with disabilities. Nationally-known faculty and staff support local, regional, state, national and international efforts.



About the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities: The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) is the State's leader in advancing public policy on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities. Its mission 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.
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