

2025-2026 Employment



COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

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What You'll Find Inside

The 2025–2026 Employment Community Resource Guide connects families to programs and services that support individuals with disabilities in preparing for, finding, and maintaining meaningful employment.

Employment Services and Job Training Programs

 Organizations that offer job readiness training, career coaching, supported employment, and vocational certifications.

Post-secondary Career and Vocational Training

 Includes programs that help individuals gain skills and credentials for employment, including internships and hands-on training.

Entrepreneurship and Inclusive Business Opportunities

- Features programs that support individuals with disabilities in launching and growing their own businesses.
- Includes small businesses designed exclusively to employ individuals with disabilities.

Cobb County School District Transition Guides

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

To use the active links in this guide, please access a digital copy of this Community Resource Guide on the Cobb County Transition Services webpage or through the QR code.



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<u>Best Buddies Jobs</u> helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities secure competitive employment, fostering independence and community inclusion.





3379 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 700 Atlanta, GA 30326 Phone: 1-800-89-BUDDY (28339)

www.bestbuddies.org/georgia/jobs





<u>Blake's House of Independence</u> provides services for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Services include work evaluations, supported employment, transportation to interviews and jobs, customized employment, community work adjustment, personal & social adjustment, job coaching, and job readiness training.

6456 Bells Ferry Road Woodstock, GA 30189 Phone: 678-767-2865

www.blakeshouseofindependence.com

<u>Bobby Dodd Institute</u> provides individuals with disabilities with comprehensive support to prepare for, secure, and maintain employment. Services include career planning and evaluation, specialized job training, job placement and connection services, and on-the-job coaching to help individuals and families understand how working may impact disability benefits.





2120 Marietta Blvd NE Atlanta, GA 30318 Phone: 678-365-0071 Phone: 678-365-0099 TDD

https://bobbydodd.org/



<u>Briggs & Associates</u> offers individualized employment support for young adults with disabilities and mental health conditions, including job search, placement, and on-the-job coaching.



2300 Holcomb Bridge Road, Suite 103, PMB #366 Roswell, Georgia 30076 Phone: 770-993-4559

www.briggsassociates.org



Eaton Academy offers supported employment opportunities for individuals who have attended their LEAP program (on-sitework experience), ready to obtain employment, and have an open case through an appropriate state agency. Eaton Academy's supported employment program assists with resume preparation, completion of applications, interview preparation and assistance, and on the job support.





1000 Old Roswell Lakes Parkway Roswell, GA 30076 Phone: 770-645-2673



www.eatonacademy.org/post-secondary/supported-employment

<u>Frazer Center</u> helps adults with disabilities explore career paths and engage in community activities to build skills and independence.





1135 A Shallowford Road Marietta, GA 30066 Phone: 404-377-3836





www.frazercenter.org/adult-program

The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) helps individuals with disabilities prepare for, find, and maintain meaningful employment. GVRA offers a wide range of services, including vocational counseling and guidance, job readiness training, career assessments, post-secondary support, and job placement assistance. They also provide specialized programs for students transitioning from high school to work or further education, as well as services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired through the Business Enterprise Program and Georgia Industries for the Blind.



1090 Northchase Parkway, Suite 350, 3rd Floor Marietta, GA 30067 Phone: 844-367-4872

www.gvs.georgia.gov

<u>Gigi's Playhouse--Career Development Programs</u> offers adults with Down Syndrome career readiness training and health and wellness programs to build independence and confidence.



11235 Alpharetta Hwy, Suite 120 Roswell, GA 30076 Phone: 470-359-4105





https://gigisplayhouse.org/atlanta/career-development-programs



<u>Goodwill of North Georgia</u> provides job training, resume help, and employment placement services to help individuals, including those with disabilities, succeed in the workforce.





3205 South Cobb Dr. Smyrna, GA 30080 Phone: 678-766-8173 www.goodwillng.org





<u>House of Artists Foundation--Camp Artism</u> provides vocational training and skill-building in digital and blue-collar trades for autistic youths and adults. It emphasizes independent living, financial literacy, and inclusive workforce development.



Phone: 404-793-4431 <u>www.houseofartistsfoundation.org</u>



<u>InCommunity Supported Employment (called EmployABILITY)</u> assists post-high school adults with developmental disabilities to seek, secure, train, and maintain employment in their community.





3301 Buckeye Road, Suite 700 Atlanta, GA 30341 Phone: 404-634-4222





www.incommunityga.org/supported-employment-program

<u>Java Joy (part of Extra Special People)</u> provides employment opportunities for adults with disabilities through mobile coffee service and community events.



Phone: 706-769-9333 www.javajoy.org/home/atlanta-location



<u>Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS)</u> provides counseling, career supports, and services for adults and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Supported Employment Program through JF&CS' IndependenceWORKS provides the services needed to help employers and individuals with disabilities find each other and meet each other's employment needs.





4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Atlanta, GA 30338 Phone: 770-677-9300





https://jfcsatl.org/services/disabilities-services/independence-works



<u>Ken's Krew</u> enables individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to successfully enter the workforce by providing access to good jobs through professional training and support to prepare for sustained employment. The Ken's Krew model includes one-on-one skills assessment, vocational training, job access, and continuous support. Ken's Krew in our area partners with The Home Depot. Applications can be found on the Ken's Krew website.



555 Madison Avenue 19th Floor New York, NY, 10022

Phone: 212-290-8999 https://kenskrew.org/





<u>Life Behavior Consulting</u> empowers individuals to develop skills that enhance their access to social opportunities, relationships, and independence across home, school, community, and vocational settings. They offer personalized services, group classes, and community workshops for clients and caregivers, focusing on communication, motivation, and Positive Behavior Supports.



2625 Piedmont Rd NE 56-203 Atlanta, GA 30324 Phone: 678-235-8817 <u>lifebehaviorconsulting.com</u>





<u>MDE School</u> is a nonprofit private institution offering personalized education and vocational training for students with developmental delays. Their programs include summer camps, life and social skills development, and hands-on vocational training through the MDE Vocational Academy, which serves young adults aged 16 and older.



1517 Johnson Ferry Rd. Marietta, GA 30062 Phone: 770-971-4633 www.mdeschool.org



<u>Metro-Atlanta Vocational Solutions (MAVS)</u> is a rehabilitation counseling private practice offering mobile career counseling, vocational evaluations, psychotherapy, psychological assessments, social skills training, and job readiness services. Their multidisciplinary team supports individuals navigating career transitions, disability-related employment challenges, and vocational planning.

Atlanta, Georgia Phone: 678-770-6251 www.atlvoc.com



<u>People Making Progress</u> is a nonprofit organization that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in living independently and participating fully in their communities. Services include supported employment, job coaching, daily living skills development, and community engagement. Programs are tailored to individual goals and funded through Georgia's NOW/COMP Medicaid waivers.

2345 Fourth Street, Suite 100 Tucker, GA 30084 Phone: 770-723-1848 www.peoplemakingprogressinc.org

<u>The Ringer Center</u> provides employment preparation, career coaching, vocational certifications, mentoring, professional development, and retention training for youth and adults across Georgia and the U.S. Their programs are designed to empower individuals with the skills and support needed to achieve sustainable employment and personal growth.



950 Eagles Landing Parkway, Suite 119 Stockbridge, GA 30281 Phone: 678-539-6010 www.ringercenter.net

Rise Coffee & Tea is a nonprofit coffee shop that provides meaningful employment for adults with special needs. Through its inclusive work environment, Rise empowers individuals to build confidence, develop job skills, and engage with the community in a supportive and welcoming space.



4651 Sandy Plains Road, Suite 116
Roswell, GA 30075
Phone: 678-395-4709
www.rise-coffeetea.com



<u>Roosevelt Warm Springs</u> is a residential campus operated by the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA). It offers life skills training and vocational certification programs for individuals with disabilities, with the goal of preparing students for employment or further education. Referrals are made through a Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselor.



6135 Roosevelt Highway Warm Springs, GA 31830 Phone: 706-655-5000

www.gvs.georgia.gov/roosevelt-warm-springs



<u>Supported Employment Specialists, Inc.</u> is a collaborative team of Community Coaches offering person-centered employment and community access programs. They specialize in individualized support plans that help individuals transition from high school to adult community living. SES is an approved provider for GVRA and DBHDD's NOW/COMP Waiver programs.

316 Alexander Street, Suite 1 Marietta, GA 30060 Phone: 770-499-2172 www.sesgeorgiaworks.com/

<u>Synergies Work</u> is a nonprofit organization that empowers entrepreneurs with disabilities through its i2i (Idea to Incubation) program. This initiative provides mentorship, business education, funding, and ongoing support to help individuals launch and grow sustainable businesses. Synergies Work fosters inclusive entrepreneurship by connecting participants with resources and a supportive community.





Atlanta, GA
Phone: 404-491-9459
www.synergieswork.org



<u>Tommy Nobis Center</u> provides meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities through personalized vocational services. Their programs include job readiness training, vocational evaluations, and skill development tailored to individual goals. With a focus on support and empowerment, the center helps participants achieve independence and workplace success.





1480 Bells Ferry Road Marietta, GA 30066 Phone: 770-427-9000







<u>Ventures ATL</u> is a nonprofit organization that creates meaningful, sustainable employment opportunities for adults with autism and related developmental differences. By operating businesses that align with the strengths of neurodiverse individuals—such as attention to detail and task repetition—Ventures ATL helps close the employment gap while delivering high-quality services to business partners.



201 Allen Road, Suite 406 Atlanta, GA 30328 Phone: 404-500-1921 www.venturesatl.com





<u>WorkSource Cobb</u>, operated by CobbWorks, serves as Cobb County's American Job Center. It offers employment and education services for youth and adults, including GED preparation, tutoring, SAT/ACT test prep, job skills training, and on-the-job training opportunities. The B.O.S.S. Young Professionals Program supports eligible youth ages 16–24 with career readiness and academic support.





463 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 100 Marietta, GA 30060 Phone: 770-528-4300

www.worksourcecobb.org



<u>WOW In-Sync, Inc</u>. empowers individuals with developmental disabilities through life skills training, community integration, and employment support. Their Simply Biz program is a focused, time-limited initiative designed to help participants achieve employment goals within one year. WOW fosters independence and self-confidence through mentorship and personalized support.

2137 Flintstone Drive, Suite E Tucker, GA 30084 Phone: 770-939-1100 www.wowinsync.org



<u>Georgia Vocational</u> <u>Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)</u>

The purpose of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) is to help individuals with disabilities get and maintain employment.

Families and Students Need to Know...

GVRA services are free to eligible individuals and designed to support varying needs, from job placement to job readiness assistance or post-secondary training. They may even pay for post-secondary education or training!

Eligibility for services is based on factors such as the individual's disability and its impact on their potential for employment.

GVRA provides benefits counseling to help individuals understand how income may impact benefits like Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid

Application for GVRA services is completed online at: https://referral.gvs.ga.gov/.

*Check spam folders after applying online.

If you would like to connect with the Transition Resource Specialist that supports your school, please consult the Locations list on the Transition Services website:

https://www.cobbk12.org/page/38587/special-education-transition-services