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Organizations that provide employment opportunities and assistance for individuals with disabilities.

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Benefits Navigation

Benefits Navigators are free and helpful to families to make sure benefits aren't lost.

What is the Benefits Navigator Program?

- The Benefits Navigator Program helps individuals and families understand how earned income will impact SSI benefits (and other State and Federal benefits).
- Benefits Navigators can help determine how to maximize earnings and keep benefits.

Who is the Benefits Navigator for Cobb County?



Bobby Dodd Institute
2120 Marietta Blvd. NW
Atlanta, GA 30318
679-365-0071

Questions a Benefits Navigator Can Answer

- How much can someone make before losing their SSI payment?
- How will savings/working affect the SSI payment?
- What work incentives are available?
- If my child has SSI, what should I expect when they turn 18?
- Who do I contact if I think the SSI amount is not correct?
- Who do I contact if I need to update information for SSI?



*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>*

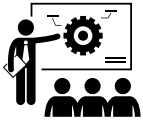


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Post-secondary Career Training

The following agencies provide services and programs for eligible individuals **with disabilities** who are interested in gaining skilled training and/or certifications to meet their career goals.



Certification Programs



Skilled Trades



Career Training



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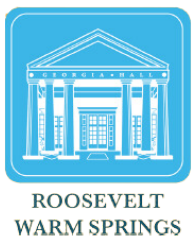
Job Connection



- **Bobby Dodd Institute**
 - Evaluation and Career Planning
 - Specialized Job Training
 - Job Connection Services
 - Customized Employment Support



- **The Academy at Tommy Nobis Center**
 - Three months of curriculum-based vocational training.
 - Three-month internship that will include one-site and community-based instruction.
 - Six months of specialized employment support to ensure success.



- **Roosevelt Warm Spring**
 - Roosevelt Warm Springs offers 7 pathways
 - Academic pathways are 16-week residential programs
 - Balance of direct instruction with hands-on experience
 - Successful completion of coursework prepares students to earn professional certificates in their chosen area of study



- **Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)**
 - The mission of GVRA is to help individuals with disabilities get and maintain employment.
 - The Transition Resource Specialist that supports your child's school can facilitate application for GVRA services. This is typically done during your child's last year of school.



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Additional Career Training Opportunities

*These programs are **not** designed specifically for individuals with disabilities, but will accept individuals with disabilities who qualify.*



- **Cobb Works**

- Career Training
- Job Search Resources
- GED and ESL Resources
- B.O.S.S Young Professionals Program to assist with job training, job search and retention, and/or finishing high school.



- **Goodwill of North Georgia**

- Training Programs
- Job Placement Services
- Job Retention Services



- **Job Corps**

- Free Housing, Meals, and Healthcare
- Living Allowance
- Finish high school diploma
- 100+ Job Training Fields
- 120+ Campuses Nationwide



- **Apprenticeships**

- Apprenticeships allow individuals to build career skills while earning money.
- To learn more about apprenticeship opportunities and get connected to a registered apprenticeship, explore the following websites.

- [Apprentice Georgia](#)
- [Apprenticeship USA](#)



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Best Buddies Jobs secures jobs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), allowing them to earn an income, pay taxes, and continuously and independently support themselves.

1-800-892-8339

<https://www.bestbuddies.org/jobs/>

Blake's House of Independence 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.

1135 A Shallowford Road

Marietta, GA 30066

470-629-3833

<http://www.blakeshouseofindependence.com/>

Bobby Dodd Institute(BDI) connects people with disabilities and disadvantages to jobs, and the security and purpose that work brings. They fulfill this mission by sustaining good jobs in their mission-based businesses, offering high-quality job training, and helping businesses to recruit committed employees. They provide evaluation and career planning, specialized job training, and job connection services.

2120 Marietta Blvd NE

Atlanta, GA 30318

678-365-0071

678-365-0099 TDD

<https://bobbydodd.org/>

Briggs & Associates provides employment services to adults with psychiatric disorders, young people with disabilities who are completing high school and moving into the workforce, as well as people who want to move off welfare. Their Career Development program includes a targeted job search, interview skills, a liaison to support the consumer and employer, as well as support and advice for the client's natural support systems.

2300 Holcomb Bridge Road Suite 103, #366

Roswell, Georgia 30076

770-993-4559

<http://www.briggsassociates.org/>

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Cave Spring Center (CSC) serves Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) clients ages 18 years and older who are referred by their VR counselors to receive residential services to assist them to go to work. Most are young adults who need additional services to transition from high school to further post-secondary training or education and become employed. CSC staff have the skills needed to serve individuals with all types of disabilities, plus some are specially trained and skilled in the use of American Sign Language and in working with consumers who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind.

Cave Spring Center 7 Georgia Avenue
Cave Spring, GA 30124
706-777-2341
<https://gvs.georgia.gov/cave-spring-center-0>

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
770-645-2673
www.eatonacademy.org

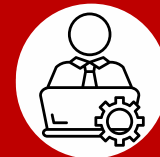
The **Frazer Center**'s services are designed to benefit participants who are 18 years of age and older as they explore options for making connections to their community and work toward realizing their hopes and dreams. They engage participants in activities designed to help explore potential careers, volunteerism, and opportunities for ongoing adult learning and recreation. They partner with local organizations and businesses to provide options for each individual to learn a new hobby, explore cultural interests, and receive training to advocate for themselves.

1135 A Shallowford Road
Marietta, GA 30066
404-377-3836
<http://www.blakeshouseofindependence.com/>

The **Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)** operates five programs that share a primary goal to help people with disabilities become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment. The largest of the programs are Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program, Disability Adjudication Services, and Roosevelt Warm Springs/Cave Spring Center. Two other unique programs serve consumers with visual impairments: the Business Enterprise Program and Georgia Industries for the Blind.

GVRA Marietta Office 877 Franklin Gateway SE, Suite 280
Marietta, GA 30067
770-528-3435
www.gvs.georgia.gov

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GiGi's Career Development Programs provide progressive learning programs that are designated to motivate adults with Down Syndrome to achieve their highest potential in the world. This is achieved through innovative, educational, goal-development and small group skills instruction, health and wellness, career skills, empowerment, community engagement and exceptional work opportunities.

11235 Alpharetta Hwy, Suite 120
Roswell, GA 30076
470-359-4105
<https://gigisplayhouse.org/atlanta/>

Goodwill of North Georgia offers job-search resources, helps with writing a professional resume and cover letter, provides access to employment opportunities, delivers hands-on skills training, and more.

3205 South Cobb Dr., SE
Smyrna, GA 30080
678-766-8173
<https://goodwillng.org/>

InCommunity provides community-based services and support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities including residential support, employment services, respite care, family support, in-home care, and day programs. Day programs are available in Cobb and surrounding counties.

InCommunity Atlanta
1945 Cliff ValleyWay NE, Suite 220
Atlanta, GA 30329

InCommunity Roswell
1200 Old Ellis Road
Roswell, GA 30076
www.incommunityga.org

Java Joy is part of Extra Special People Atlanta. The Java Joy coffee cart was created as a way to provide meaningful employment for adults with disabilities while giving the community one-of-a-kind opportunities for engagement.

706-769-9333
<https://espyouandme.org/programs/java-joy/>

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Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS) 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
770-677-9300
<https://www.jfcsatl.org/>

Ken's Krew 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
212- 290-8999
<https://kenskrew.org/>

Life Behavior Consulting empowers individuals to learn skills that will improve their access to social opportunities, relationships, and independence in their home, community, school, and vocational settings. LIFE offers individual services, as well as provide classes and community workshops for clients on a variety of topics. LIFE offers classes for parents and/or caregivers to promote communication, motivation, and Positive Behavior Supports.

2625 Piedmont Rd NE 56-203
Atlanta, GA 30324
678-235-8817
lifebehaviorconsulting.com

MDE School provides summer programs and hands on vocational training.

1517 Johnson Ferry Rd. #100
Marietta, GA 30062
770-971-4633
www.mdeschool.org

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Metro-Atlanta Vocational Solutions, LLC is a rehabilitation counseling private practice that offers Mobile Career Counseling, Comprehensive and Limited Vocational Evaluations, Psychotherapy, Psychological Evaluations, Social Skills Training, and Job Readiness Training to the community and to agencies in the Metro-Atlanta area. Their goal is to provide quality treatment in a mobile setting.

P.O. Box 767672
Roswell, GA 30076
678-770-6251
<https://atlvoc.com/>

The Ringer Center provides employment preparation, career coaching, vocational certifications, mentoring, professional development, and retention training to youth and adults in Georgia and throughout the United States.

950 Eagles Landing Pkwy, Suite 119
Stockbridge, GA
678-539-6010
<https://www.ringercenter.net/>

Rise Coffee & Tea is a local coffee shop that provides meaningful employment for individuals with special needs.

4651 Sandy Plains Road, Suite 116
Roswell, GA 30075
678-395-4709
<https://rise-coffeetea.com/>

Roosevelt Warm Springs is a residential campus where students learn life skills and work toward professional certifications with the final goal being employment. Students are referred through their Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselor. The Roosevelt Academy provides opportunities for students with disabilities to gain skills and independence. Graduates may enter employment planning, job placement activities, or may pursue further education.

6135 Roosevelt Highway
Warm Springs, GA 31830
706-655-5000
<https://gvs.georgia.gov/roosevelt-warm-springs>

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Supported Employment Specialists, Inc. is a collaborative group of Community Coaches who specialize in individual support plans that promote all aspects of community living. Their supported employment and community access programs are person-centered and community focused. Their individualized service plans are designed to make the transition from high school to adult community living an easier one for most. They are approved contractors for the GVRA, DBHDD's NOW/COMP Waiver programs, and Georgia's state-funded Employment Express.

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

Synergies Work i2i (Idea to Incubation) program is an entrepreneurial program in the offering mentorship, business education, funding, and an ongoing support to enable individuals with disabilities to launch and grow sustainable businesses.

404-491-9459
<https://synergieswork.org>

Tommy Nobis Center provides the opportunity for meaningful work for individuals with disabilities who want to work. By creating a system built on understanding and support, they change lives daily through employment and vocational services. Employment services are individualized, vocational evaluations can identify strengths and weaknesses, and specific skill training is tailored to individual goals.

1480 Bells Ferry Road
Marietta, Georgia 30066-6014
770-427-9000
<https://tommynobiscenter.org/>

Ventures ATL is a nonprofit whose mission is to provide meaningful, sustainable jobs for adults with autism and related developmental differences. They do this by operating a portfolio of businesses for which there is strong commercial demand, and which play to the strengths of their target employees. They utilize the skills and talents of neuro-diverse individuals which include focus, attention to detail, affinity for repetitive tasks and their strong motivation to work.

201 Allen Road
Atlanta GA. 30328
404-500-1921
<https://venturesatl.com/>

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WorkSource Cobb serves as Cobb County's American Job Center. They provide access to a system of employment and education services. Cobb County youth, ages 16-24, who meet income qualifications (to be determined at the time of eligibility), and are within one of the target groups are eligible for the following youth services: GED preparation classes & tutoring, high school academic & testing assistance, SAT/ACT test prep, and job skills training. Qualified youth can also participate in on-the-job training and work experiences.

463 Commerce Park Drive Suite 100
Marietta, GA 30060
770-528-4300
www.worksourcecobb.org

WOW In-Sync., Inc. powers futures by providing life skills training, community integration, and employment training and support. Their program, Simply Biz, is an intense time-limited work training and employment program designed to help individuals reach employment goals within 1 year.

2137 Flintstone Drive, Suite E.
Tucker, GA 30084
770-939-1100
<https://www.wowinsync.org/>