

Needed Services

Transition and Futures Planning

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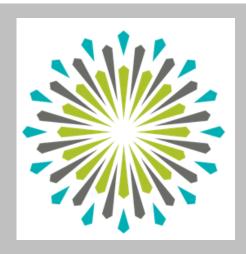


https://dph.georgia.gov/women-and-children

Introduction

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- Director, Benefits Navigation
- Professional background includes JD (UGA!) and Masters in Clinical Counseling
- My Inspiration:







Learning Outcomes

- Identify must-do's for transition and futures planning:
 - Know the Agencies
 - Know the Services
 - Family Support Services
 - NOW/COMP planning list
 - Social Security
 - GVRA services
 - Futures planning:
 - Guardianship
 - Supplemental Needs Trust
 - ABLE accounts
 - Letter of Intent





A Parent's Worry...

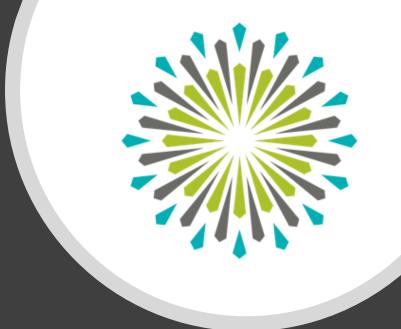
- Our goal: protect our child's future
- Every disabled adult needs:
 - Income
 - Health Insurance
 - Services





The Agencies

- Department of Education
- Department of Community Health
 - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Department of Labor
- Social Security





Family Support

- http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/family-supportservices
- Family Support Services are primarily brokered services through a contracted DBHDD provider
- Every county has a Family Support Services provider
- BDI is the only intensive Family Support provider
- Eligibility requirements:
 - Must have documented, eligible developmental/intellectual disability
 - Upcoming requirement is placement on the NOW/COMP planning list





Family Support Services

- Primarily Social, Recreation and Community Integration
 - Summer Camp programs
 - Social skills development programs
 - Programs promoting health and fitness
 - Social Clubs
- Community Living Support
 - Requires additional documentation requirements for Independent Contractor
- Community Access Group
 - Allows provider to assist in paying day habilitative programs
- Specialized Medical Supplies/Incontinence Supplies





Medicaid Waivers

- Different waivers for different needs...
 - Deeming Waiver
 - Elderly and Disabled Waiver
 - Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP)
 - Community Care Services Program (CCSP)
 - Independent Care Waiver (ICWP)
 - NOW/COMP Waiver
 - 6500 waitlist
 - "Most in Need"





NOW/COMP Waiver

- https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/be-compassionate/how-do-i-apply-dd-services
- Application process
 - Intake/Assessment
 - Award of funding
 - Other assessments (SIS, HRST)
 - Individual Support Plan
- Most common services
 - Community Access Group (day programs)
 - Community Access Individual
 - Community Living Supports
 - Community Residential Alternative
 - Group and Host Homes
 - Behavioral Supports
 - Supported Employment
 - Specialized Medical Supplies





Social Security

- SSI versus SSDI
 - SSI: needs-based/Medicaid
 - SSDI: entitlement/Medicare
- Medical determination is the same for both programs
- Use Blue Book to understand documentation requirements
- Process:
 - Apply online
 - Intake
 - Medical Adjudication





Social Security

- 1/3 reduction rule if subsidized (living at home)
- How to increase SSI:
 - Rental agreement
 - SSA supplement agreement
 - Demonstrate fair share
 - Show proof of payment
- ABLE account subsidize without unearned income





Work Incentives



- Student Earned Income Exclusion
- IRWE: Impairment Related Work Exclusion
- Ticket to Work
- 1619b exemption
- PASS









 Protect Medicaid status from Katie Beckett Deeming Waiver by submitting copy of SSI application to the unit office – will extend Medicaid until SSI approved or age 19.

GVRA

- Interested in work? You need GVRA...
- Intake process typically includes work evaluation
- Service plan based on your needs
 - Supported/Customized employment
 - Personal/Social Adjustment
 - Transportation
- Work Incentive programs
 - Ticket to Work
 - PASS











 Turning 14 is a threshold year as individuals become eligible for Transition Planning through the school, and can open a file with GVRA for pre employment training services.



Georgia Community Trust

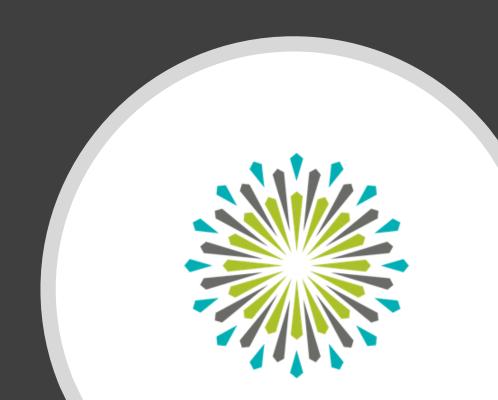
- Georgia Community Trust was founded by Ridgeview Institute
 - Transferred to AADD in 2015; transitioned to BDI in 2018
- 1st and 3rd Party Trusts
 - Trusts provide a "safe harbor" to protect assets and meet the future needs of the beneficiary without losing eligibility for public benefit programs
- Pooled trust helps to reduce administrative costs
- Approximately 12.6 million in pooled funds





Need more info?

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Questions?

Thank you!