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Georgia Association of Training, Employment and Supports



ACTION ALERT

Budget ACTION ALERT - Senate

New Money for GVRA from House - on to the Senate

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Budget Update on GVRA funding

This morning the House Appropriations Committee passed out the full FY 2016 Budget validating yesterday's budget recommendations by Chairman Katie Dempsey's House Human Resources Subcommittee. Please take a moment to marvel at the [House Tracking Document](#) on page 54 line 27.28.7.

Thank you again to everyone who has been working since last summer, including speaking at the House budget hearing last Tuesday. Our efforts are paying off and we need to keep the momentum going, because.....

WE HAVE NEW MONEY!!!

\$900,000 = Increase funds to assist training and employment support for Georgians with disabilities.

This will pull down \$3,600,000 federal funds for a total \$4,500,000

On to the Senate

The Senate Human Development Subcommittee will begin working on the FY 2016 Budget Friday morning at 10:30am in room 341 of the

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Special
Announcements



**State Use
Council
March 26, 2015
Location: Sloppy
Floyd Twin
Towers, Capitol
Square
10:00 AM**

**Working
Wonders
Recognition
Luncheon**

Capitol. Right now they are only scheduled to hear from Executive Director Greg Schmieg and other agency heads. Weather has closed down the Capitol this afternoon and delayed opening on Thursday. But we have no time to waste. **Concentrate on sending emails today and making phone calls tomorrow afternoon when staff should be back in the office.**

Our Message:

The House has placed \$900,000 to assist training and employment support for Georgians with disabilities in the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency. Please support this \$900,000 for a 1:4 match to total \$4.5 million.

Please reach out to everyone by Friday, you still can make calls on Monday but it is preferred to make calls this week.

Message:

Your name/Your Org/Your phone number

"We are very excited the House allocated additional funds toward assisting people with disabilities with training and employment supports in the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The \$900,000 in state funds will match federal dollars 1:4 and serve over 1,400 more Georgians, several hundred in our community. With the federal funding we will have a total of \$4.5 million to invest across Georgia in creating jobs and putting people to work."

(Please include your community/organization specific message/contact info)

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**March 26, 2015
Location: Empire
Room Sloppy
Floyd Twin
Towers
Noon**

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