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**STATEWIDE**  
17 COMMUNITY  
REHABILITATION  
PROVIDERS



**ECONOMIC**  
PROVIDING LOCAL  
BUSINESSES WITH  
SKILLED WORKERS



**VISION**  
BRIGHT FUTURE FOR  
CITIZENS WITH  
DISABILITIES

## Member Organizations

Bobby Dodd Institute

Center for the Visually Impaired

Creative Enterprises

East Georgia Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center

Goodwill Industries of Southern Rivers

Goodwill of North Georgia

Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia/CSRA

Goodwill Industries of Coastal Empire

Houston County Association for Exceptional Children

Middle Georgia Easter Seals Society

New Ventures

Nobis Works

Rehabilitation Industries of North Georgia

Gates requests an additional **\$900,000** in state funds for the Vocational Rehabilitation Division to match 1:4 federal dollars for an estimated total of \$4.5 million to serve 1,400 people in the community.

GATES members have had to cut services and curtail programs in the last 2 years due to a reduced budget allocation to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency after the agency was moved out of the Georgia Department of Labor and attached to the Georgia Department of Human Services.

- ▶ *This is a **1 to 4 match**, truly the best investment for Georgians.*
- ▶ *Every person we put to work **returns \$16 back to their local communities.***
- ▶ *We turn tax consumers into **independent taxpayers.***
- ▶ *These additional funds will **serve another 1,400 Georgians with disabilities** in need of training and supports toward full employment across Georgia.*
- ▶ *These funds will begin to move the agency toward full funding to draw down the allocated federal matching funds.*

GATES is a statewide organization representing community rehabilitation providers (CRPs) that serve people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. GATES is governed by a ten member Board of Directors, which meets quarterly. Each CRP is operated as an independent non-profit corporation. Our CRPs offer the full spectrum of services to people throughout Georgia, including individuals with cognitive, emotional or physical disabilities, and some specialized programs for people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, deaf and/or hearing impaired, blind and low vision, in addition to traumatic brain injuries. Collectively, GATES member agencies are instrumental in assisting participants toward full integration into the community and competitive employment.

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