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STATEWIDE
13 COMMUNITY
REHABILITATION
PROVIDERS



ECONOMIC
PROVIDING LOCAL
BUSINESSES WITH
SKILLED WORKERS



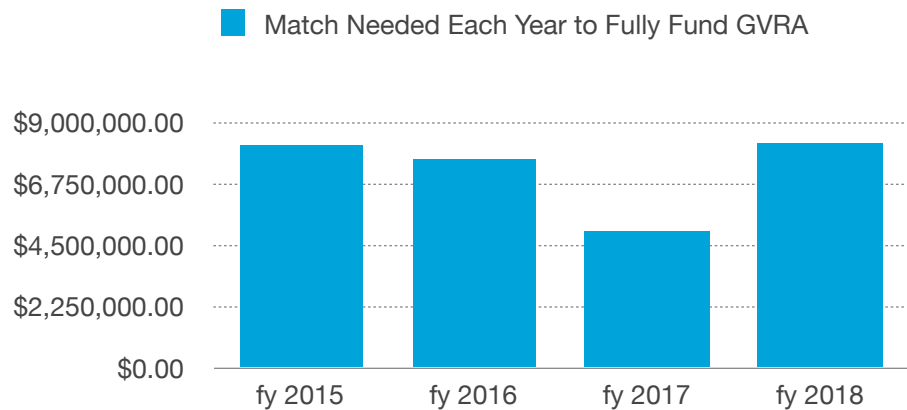
VISION
BRIGHT FUTURE FOR
CITIZENS WITH
DISABILITIES

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 **\$1,000,000** in state funds for the Vocational Rehabilitation Division to match 1:4 federal 110 dollars for an estimated total of \$5 million to serve 1,400 people across Georgia to receive community training, employment and supports.

We are closer to fully funding GVRA. This graph shows the progress made in funding the Vocational Rehabilitation Division over the past three years. Along with the \$900,000 invested by the legislature in FY2016, and \$500,000 in FY 2018, GVRA has created partnerships with other state agencies to offer matching funds. **However, with the redirection of RWS \$1,600,000 we lose that money for potential federal 110 match.**



- ▶ 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 about 1,400 Georgians with disabilities** in need of training and supports toward full employment.
- ▶ These funds will further move the agency toward full funding to draw down the available federal matching funds.

GATES is a statewide organization representing community rehabilitation providers (CRPs) that serve people with disabilities and others with barriers to employment.

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Supported by GATES members and Others