



Our mission is to empower people with developmental disabilities to explore possibilities for their lives by maximizing independence, community participation, employment, and economic self-sufficiency in their daily lives.

Legislative Talking Points:

- Georgia's Community Service Boards offer a wide array of service options to meet the needs and preferences of individuals with intellectual / developmental disabilities, including residential, supported employment, training and community access services.
- Last year, Community Service Boards provided services to over six thousand Georgians with intellectual / developmental disabilities, supporting those services with accredited quality improvement and safety management processes. In surveys, last year clients gave Community Board Services an average rating of 98% positive.
- Community Service Boards embrace the principles of Employment First for clients who desire competitive employment in the community, and provide high quality alternatives for those who do not. We ask the Study Committee to be aware of the importance of a person-centered approach to service planning and delivery.
- Community Service Boards wish the Study Committee to be aware of the multiple and often redundant layers of regulatory oversight, which impose additional costs and divert scarce resources away from service delivery.
- The current processes by which persons with disabilities and their families access services are opaque, complex and confusing. Community Service Boards would like to see a process that is more transparent and streamlined and that demonstrably offers persons served and their families a fully informed choice of services and service providers.