



Engage Now Georgia!

2026 Community Access Provider Technical Assistance Application

Expanding Capacity to Support Employment and Community Life Engagement Outcomes in Georgia

The Engage Now Georgia! Project is designed to expand capacity to support employment and community life engagement in Georgia for people with developmental disabilities. This project is funded by Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). Partners include University of Georgia, David Ralston Institute for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Center on Human Development and Disability (UGA), the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston (ICI), and the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS).

As part of this initiative, six Community Access Service Providers will have an opportunity to receive intensive technical assistance and support for 18 months through regular training, consulting, and access to resources to support employment and community outcomes.

Who should apply?

Community Access Service Provider organizations that are interested in expanding and improving employment and community access outcomes and are committed to 18-month engagement with technical assistance staff to develop and implement a technical assistance and training plan.

Who: Six DBHDD funded Community Access Service Providers will be selected through an online application process. DBHDD will make the final selection.

What: Access to in-depth and individualized technical assistance provided by staff from ICI as part of an 18-month cohort that includes the following:

- A preliminary, virtual consultation to assess organizational objectives related to employment and community access and to plan an in-person site visit
- A 1-day, in-person, site visit in Fall 2026, to allow technical assistance staff to get to know the organization and identify needs and objectives
- Development of an individualized technical assistance plan that identifies needs, objectives, and tracking of outcomes
- Participation in a virtual, monthly community of practice with a cohort of other organizations receiving technical assistance
- Monthly, virtual technical assistance calls
- Supplemental training as needed
- Access to resources and peer-to-peer mentoring opportunities



When:

- Applications will be accepted until **Monday, August 10 at 5:00pm**
- Providers will be selected by **Friday, August 14**, with notifications made to providers shortly thereafter
- There will be an optional 1-hour virtual information session held on **Wednesday, July 15 at 10:00am** allowing Community Access Service Providers the opportunity to hear about the project before applying. [Register for this information session.](#)
- Provider technical assistance will occur between **September 2026 and March 2028**

SUBMIT A REQUEST

[Complete this web form to apply for this opportunity.](#)

**For any questions related to this opportunity,
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