

About the Pathways to Partnerships Grant

The purpose of the Pathways to Partnerships grant is to substantially improve training and preparation of children and youth with disabilities in Georgia to eventually obtain and maintain competitive integrated employment in conjunction and coordination with other state, local, and private entities.

Program Targets

- ★ Cultivate partnerships between GVRA, Local Educational Agencies, and Centers for Independent Living to support students with disabilities and their families
- ★ Exposure to career centered services
- ★ Decrease high school dropout rates
- ★ Increase exposure to vocational rehabilitation and post-secondary opportunities
- ★ Increase College and Career Ready Performance Index scores



Partners

- ★ Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) is a state agency helping individuals with disabilities to work and live independent lives
- ★ Centers for Independent Living (CIL) provide training, coaching, peer support, and resources to individuals experiencing barriers due to disabilities
- ★ Local Educational Agency (LEA) such as a school system or individual school

Partnership roles

- ★ GVRA will oversee the grant initiatives, provide collaborative oversight to early intervention transition services instruction and assist in providing avenues for CIL support efforts to students and families.
- ★ CILs will actively participate in early intervention transition services instructional initiative and provide core services and unique learning opportunities through CIL programs for students and families.
- ★ LEAs will provide time in the school day for lesson implementation.

It will be the role of all three partners to cultivate relationships to sustain this program.

What P2P Offers

A curriculum “Pathway to Dreams” built to provide early intervention transition lessons and instructional components for middle school students with disabilities.

- ★ “Pathway to Dreams” lessons will be:
 - Centered around empowering students with disabilities
 - Hands-on and interactive
 - Tiered (6th-8th grade) and differentiated (adaptive and inclusion)
- ★ Student connections with CILs to learn about programming and opportunities in their local community.
- ★ Parent and family connections to resources through CILs and GVRA outreach, as well as parent information learning sessions.
- ★ Soft skills taught are linked to and support Pre-ETS (Pre-Employment Transition Services):
 - Job Exploration
 - Post Secondary Opportunities Counseling
 - Workplace Readiness Training
 - Work Based Learning
 - Self-Advocacy



Vocational Rehabilitation Service Areas

With offices statewide, Vocational Rehabilitation is available to assist individuals with disabilities and employers across the state. Vocational Rehabilitation is a division of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency.

Find Out If Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Is Right For You

To qualify for VR services, your disability must be permanent and affect your ability to work. Services will be based on your individual needs for the purpose of working. For more information, contact us today.

- Call (844) 367-4872
- Online at referral.gvs.ga.gov
- www.gvs.ga.gov

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