



Since 2012, Shameka has enjoyed economic independence and increased community integration thanks to her job as an Endoscopy Technician in Savannah. Her supervisors and coworkers say she is a great asset to their team. (EmployAbility.org)

**It doesn't matter  
whether you live in a  
big city or a rural area!**

**There is a job for you  
where your talents,  
interests and  
contributions will fit!**

## ***How do you access Customized/Supported Employment Services?***

Contact your support coordinator or your regional office. If you don't know how to reach your regional office, contact DBHDD at the number or website listed below.



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### **Contact Information:**

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health  
and Developmental Disabilities  
*Division of Developmental Disabilities*  
Supported Employment Coordinator  
(404) 276-7612

# **Customized/ Supported Employment**

**There is a job for you!**



**Melissa Barber** had waited 7 years after high school until she had the funding to go to work. She is young, cool and outgoing. Harley Davidson Tifton was the right match! (Diversified Enterprises)

## What is Customized/ Supported Employment?

- It provides you a way to find and keep a job.
- You can develop a career in your community.
- You will earn at least minimum wage.
- You can work part-time or full-time.

## How does Customized/ Supported Employment Work?

- Discovery helps identify your work interest and skills.
- Job-Development identifies a job that matches your interest and skills.
- Job-Coaching helps you learn how to do the job.
- Ongoing job-support helps you and your employer be successful.



**Jeremy Ahn** new to the work force wanted a job where he could have fun and high-five people! The perfect fit was TopGolf in midtown Atlanta. (Briggs & Associates)



**Humberto Rodriguez**  
(Cross Plains)

“I like working everyday; it has given me a reason to be happier and get up every day and contribute to my future and family.”

## Benefits to You - The Employee:

- *Access to a variety of jobs*
- *Gain work skills*
- *Find a career that you love*
- *Keep SSI and Medicaid*
- *Receiving the right support at the right time*
- *Make new friends*
- *More social activities*
- *Better health*
- *More choices in your life*

## Benefits to the Employer:

- Right person for the job
- Partnership in training and ongoing supports
- Access to a deeper pool of talent
- Less employee turn over and loss of talent