

# INCLUSIVE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (IPSE)



IPSE gives students with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to attend college with their peers who may or may not have a disability. They participate in the same classes, same clubs, same residences, and same athletics as students who may not have an intellectual disability.

**THERE ARE CURRENTLY 9 GA COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

SINCE 2013, 217 STUDENTS HAVE GRADUATED FROM IPSE IN OUR STATE.

**143**

students are currently enrolled statewide in IPSE.

\*89% OF 2021-22 GEORGIA IPSE GRADUATES REPORT BEING "SATISFIED" OR "VERY SATISFIED" WITH THEIR JOBS.

- Albany Technical College (Albany)
- Columbus State University (Columbus)
- East Georgia State College (Swainsboro)
- Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville) *\*newest program, opened in Jan of 2023*
- Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta)
- Georgia Southern University (Statesboro)
- Georgia State University (Atlanta)
- Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw)
- University of Georgia (Athens)

**DID YOU KNOW?:** Over 146 small businesses and corporations in Georgia employ IPSE interns and graduates.

**74%**



\*of GA IPSE graduates live in a rented apartment or home that is not their family home.

22% live independently.

\*41% OF GA IPSE GRADUATES HAVE PAID TIME OFF, WITH 32% ALSO HAVING ACCESS TO PAID SICK LEAVE.



**FOR THE LAST SCHOOL YEAR (2021-2022), GA IPSE GRADS WERE EMPLOYED AT A RATE OF 58% JUST 90-DAYS AFTER GRADUATION.**



Nationally, people with independent living disabilities are employed at just 19%. In Georgia, that same group is employed at 15%.

**97%**

of Georgia IPSE graduates have health insurance.\*

\*data from 2021-2022 graduates collected 90 days after graduation

**NATIONALLY, STUDENTS EXITING IPSE ARE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE WORKING THAN ADULTS SERVED BY THEIR STATE DD AGENCIES ALONE**

AND 1.6 times more likely to be working than adults served by their state VR agencies alone



## ADVOCACY AT THE CAPITOL THIS YEAR

**THIS YEAR, WE'RE ASKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$500K TO:**

- Increase the current allocation for capacity building to keep pace with inflation, student body growth, and number of programs
- Support a position to collect graduate data and coordinate an IPSE alumni network
- Invest in technological supports and infrastructure



THE STATE OF GEORGIA HAS ANNUALLY SUPPORTED IPSE GROWTH WITH ABOUT \$500K



## HOPE FOR IPSE!

We're asking lawmakers to support legislation that includes IPSE students into the existing HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [GAIPSEC.ORG](http://GAIPSEC.ORG) OR CONTACT:



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