



Our consumer-centered approach promotes Personal Choice & Responsibility, Community Access, Education, & Employment through:



Equality



Independence



Inclusion

2018 Year at a Glance



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Board of Director Members



30

Staff Members



668

GA Consumers Served



518

SC Consumers Served



2830

Services Provided



1433

Consumer Goals Set

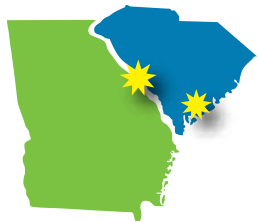


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Consumer Goals Achieved

Our Services & Programs

Information & Referral ☯ Independent Living Skills ☯ Advocacy
 Employment Services ☯ Youth/Young Adult Programs ☯ Transitions
 Assistive Technology ☯ Home Modifications ☯ Peer Support
 STAR Hub ☯ Work Incentives Planning & Assistance (WIPA) Program



*Established in 1994 ☯ 3 Office Locations
 Serving 16 GA counties & 10 SC counties*

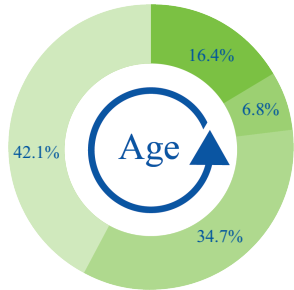
Walton Options provides resources and services in the community to all persons with any disability on their personal journey of independence.

Options *By the Numbers*

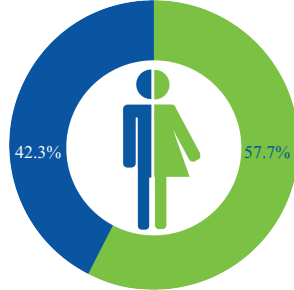
2017/2018

Our Consumers*

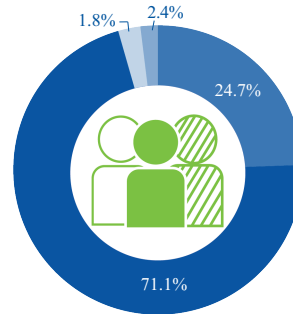
We serve all ages, ethnicities, genders, economic backgrounds, & disabilities.



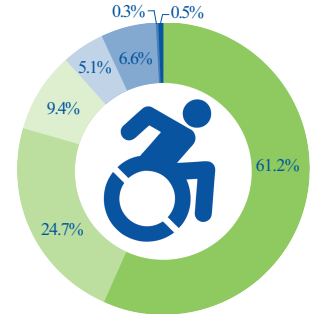
● up to 19
● 20 - 24
● 25 - 59
● 60 & older



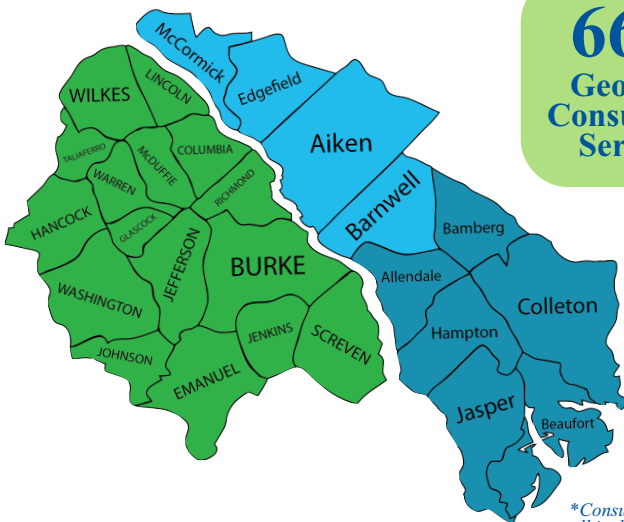
● Male ● Female



● White
● Black/African American
● Hispanic/Latino
● Non-white/Other



● Physical
● Cognitive
● Vision
● Multiple
● Mental/Emotional
● Hearing
● Other



668
Georgia Consumers Served

- 66% Richmond
- 10% Columbia
- 19% Rural
- 5% Outside Counties

141
Central SC Consumers Served

- 87% Aiken
- 8% Edgefield
- 4% Barnwell
- 1% McCormick

377
SC Low Country Consumers Served

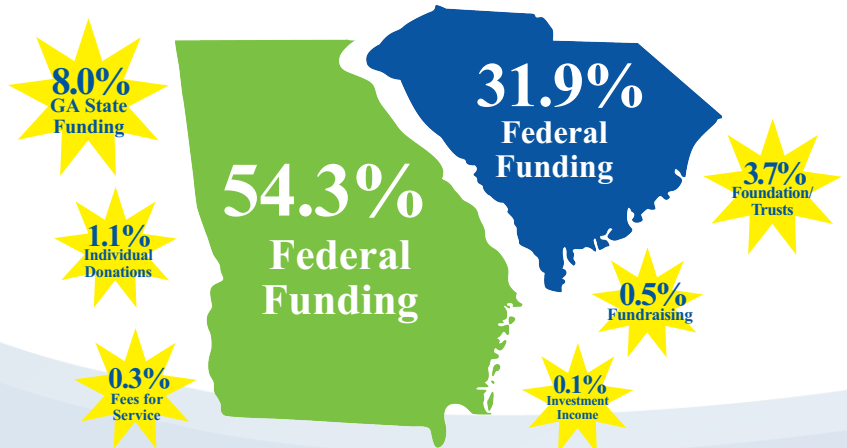
- 57% Colleton
- 19% Beaufort
- 15% Hampton
- 4% Bamberg
- 3% Allendale
- 2% Jasper

**Consumers are those who had independent living plans with specific goals and is not all inclusive of persons served through Information & Referral or Youth Programs.*

2830 Services Provided

- 36% Information & Referral Services
- 13.6% Independent Living Skills/Training
- 12.7% Housing/Home Modifications
- 9.8% Peer Counseling
- 7.7% Youth/Transitions Services
- 4.7% Transportation Services
- 4.7% Vocational Services
- 4% Communication Services
- 3.9% Assistive Technology
- 1.9% Advocacy/Legal Services
- 0.6% Mobility Training
- 0.4% Prevention Services

\$2,180,219 Annual Revenue



Community Options and Connections through the Year



The **Independent Living Skills Classes** offer a variety of learning opportunities for our consumers. Everything from organizational skills to financial management to self-advocacy are offered quarterly in classroom and one-to-one settings. The goal of all of our classes is to lay the groundwork for our consumers' independence goals.

Advocacy for yourself and your community is a foundational option for our consumers. We work with our consumers understand what it means to advocate as well as encourage advocacy participation. In 2018, staff, volunteers, and consumers attended the Advocacy Days series in Atlanta, GA and the South Carolina Advocacy Day for Access & Independence in Columbia, SC.



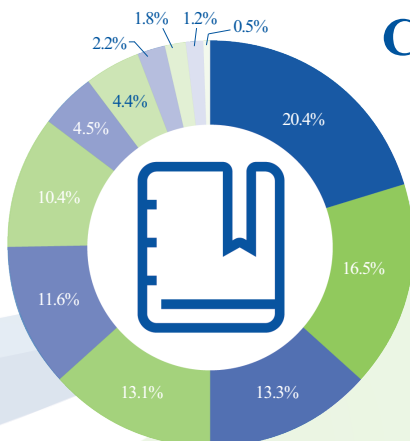
Community Outreach comes in many forms for Walton Options. A major highlight in 2018 was partnering with the Augusta GreenJackets in their new stadium for their Star Wars Night. In addition to being the beneficiaries of their fundraising jersey auction to a sold out stadium, we also participated in a live interview to an online, world-wide audience about universal accessibility, had an outreach table set-up, and threw out two ceremonial first pitches.

Collaborations throughout the year opened doors of opportunity for our consumers and staff. Highlights include the Richmond County Board of Elections voting machine training, hosting a series of screenings of the *Intelligent Lives* advocacy movie with the Augusta Museum of History and Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services, and Americans with Disabilities Act Anniversary events with the City of Augusta.

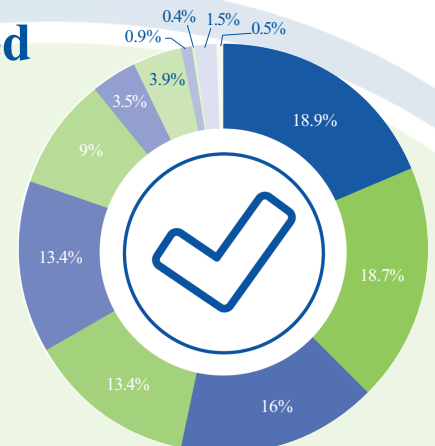


Our **Youth Programs** have grown including work with the SC Commission for the Blind and SC Vocational Rehabilitation on the careerBOOST OH YEA! program. This program works with youth as they look at opportunities as they plan beyond high school and look to further education and/or employment options. We are also proud participants in the Employment First Initiative in South Carolina working to change perceptions of youth with disabilities and their employability through the #HireMeSC campaign.

Consumer Goals Set & Achieved



- Vocational
- Information Access/Technology
- Educational
- Mobility/Transportation
- Self-Care
- Community/Social Participation
- Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment
- Institutional Transitions/Relocations
- Personal Resource Management
- Community Based Living
- Other
- Communication



Our services and programs create independent options for our consumers and our communities.

Impact of Services



15

Consumers Utilizing the Employment Network



17

School Hosts for Pre-Employment Classes



38

Consumers Transitioned to Home of Choice



173

Attendees of Life Skills Classes



225

OH YEA! Students Served



471

Consumer Home Modifications & Assistive Devices



525

Youth Self-Advocacy & Work Readiness Certificates



2514

Hours of Community Outreach & Collaborations

Board of Directors

Executive Board:

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