

02/12 Advocacy Day: Waivers and Wages Advocacy Day

Ending the Waitlist: Funding for 2,400 New NOW/COMP Waivers

To address the COMP/NOW Waiver waitlist and advocate for increased funding to reduce the backlog of over 7,000 Georgians, the following legislative committees in Georgia are essential to engage with:

- **House Appropriations Committee:** This committee is responsible for allocating state funds and would be crucial in approving the budget necessary for additional NOW/COMP waivers.
- **House Special Committee on Healthcare:** This committee focuses on health policy – both legislative and budgetary. This committee would likely be involved in discussing the impact of increasing waiver funding on healthcare delivery for people with IDD.
- **House Human Relations and Aging Committee:** This committee addresses policies that impact vulnerable populations, such as people with IDD. It can support the role of waivers in fostering independence and community inclusion.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee:** This committee oversees the Senate's budgetary decisions, including funding for IDD services.
- **Senate Health and Human Services Committee:** This committee reviews healthcare policies and funding, including Medicaid services, making it a key player for waiver expansion.
- **Health and Human Development Appropriations Subcommittees:** Within the Appropriations Committees, specific subcommittees on human services or health might oversee funding allocation for NOW/COMP waivers.






Ideas for Advocacy Strategies

- **Highlight the Need!** Share the stories of those on the waitlist to illustrate the urgency of funding additional waivers.
- **Emphasize Economic Impact!** Demonstrate how waivers help people with disabilities gain employment, reducing reliance on public assistance.
- **Engage Families and Providers!** Collaborate with those directly affected by the waitlist to provide testimony and support during committee hearings.



Below is information about key legislative committees representing decision-making hubs to advance ending the Waitlist. It includes each committee's office locations, contact information, and leadership details. Advocates can use the information below to identify key legislators. By targeting these committees, advocates can effectively push for legislative action to expand funding and reduce the waiver waitlist in GA.

Committee Members

Committee	Office	Name	Position	Complete List of Legislators
<u>House Appropriations</u> -Economic Development Subcommittee (ED) -Health Subcommittee	245 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 463-2247	Matt Hatchett, 155 th Houston Gaines, 120 th Steven Meeks, 178 th Gerald Greene, 154 th Darlene Taylor, 173 rd Devan Seabaugh, 34 th	Chairman Vice Chairman Chairman ED Subcommittee Vice-Chairman ED Subcommittee Chairman Health Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Health Subcommittee	 Scan QR Code
<u>House Special Committee on Healthcare</u>	245-D State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 463-2246	Butch Parrish, 158 th	Chairman	 Scan QR Code
<u>House Human Relations and Aging Committee</u>	226-B State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-5115	Jesse Petrea, 166 th Mike Cameron, 1 st Danny Mathis, 133 rd	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary	 Scan QR Code
<u>Senate Appropriations</u> -Health and Human Development Subcommittee (HHD)	234 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-5038	Blake Tillery, 19 th Greg Dolezal, 27 th Clint Dixon, 45 th Ben Watson, 1st	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary Chairman HHD Subcommittee	 Scan QR Code
<u>Senate Health and Human Services</u>	325-A CLOB Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-7880	Ben Watson, 1 st Kay Kirkpatrick, 32 nd Ed Setzler, 37 th	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary	 Scan QR Code