

Businesses who have hired Avita job seekers...

Retailers

Big Lots
Ross
Party City
Sam's Club
Farmer's Furniture
Sears
Dollar General
The Home Depot
Sunshine Convenient Stores
Wal-Mart
Dollar Tree

Restaurants



Wendy's
Hardees'
McDonald's
Taco Bell
Arby's
Chick-Fil-A
Loretta's Country Kitchen

... and many others!

Publix
Labor Ready
Eskimo Cold Storage
Vogel State Park
Liberty Tax Service
Pilgrim's Pride
Aramark
Service Master
Rabun County Public Utilities

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SERVICE SITES

Blairsville Center

(Serving Union & Towns Counties)
76-A Hunt Martin Street
Blairsville, GA 30512
(706) 745-5911

Cleveland Center

(Serving White County)
129 North Main Street
Cleveland, GA 30528
(706) 348-4060

Cumming Center

(Serving Forsyth County)
125 North Corners Pkwy
Cumming, GA 30040
(678) 341-3840

Dahlonega Center

(Serving Dawson, & Lumpkin Counties)
150-A Johnson Street
Dahlonega, GA 30533
(706) 864-6822

Demorest Center

(Serving Banks, Habersham, & Rabun Counties)
196 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, GA 30535
(706) 894-3700

Gainesville Center

(Serving Hall County)
915-C Interstate Ridge Drive
Gainesville, GA 30501
(678) 207-2900

Hartwell Center

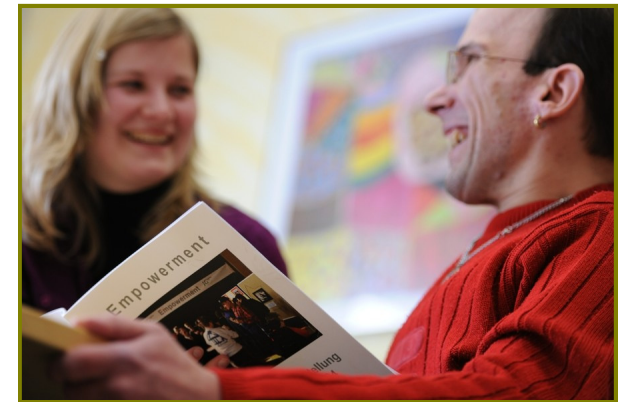
(Serving Hart & Franklin Counties)
228 North College Avenue
Hartwell, GA 30643
(706) 376-4002

Toccoa Center

(Serving Stephens County)
1763 Fernside Drive
Toccoa, GA 30577
(706) 282-4542



Supported Employment Program



What is Supported Employment?

Supported Employment (SE) is a service that helps clients find and maintain meaningful jobs in the community. The jobs are competitive (paying at least minimum wage) and are based on a person's preferences and abilities.

What are the benefits of working?

For most of us, work is part of our identity. When we feel good about having a job, we often see ourselves in a more positive way. Work provides structure and routines. Work contributes to one's overall health. Job income gives us more choices about what to buy, where to live, and gives us a chance to build savings.

Avita Community Partners Supported Employment Program

How Supported Employment Works

Integrated services

Supported Employment Specialists closely coordinate with other rehabilitation and clinical treatment practitioners, creating a comprehensive program of support.

Competitive jobs

Supported Employment Specialists help people find jobs in the open labor market that pay at least minimum wage and that anyone could have, regardless of their disability status.

Benefits counseling

Supported Employment Specialists help people understand how benefits (such as Social Security or Medicaid) are affected by working. Most people are able to work and continue to receive some benefits.

Timely support

Supported Employment Specialists help people look for jobs soon after they enter the program.

Continuous supports

Once a job is found, Supported Employment Specialists provide ongoing support, as needed.

Client vocational preferences

Choices about best job fit are based on client's preferences, strengths, and experiences.

Employer engagement

Supported Employment Specialists develop productive working relationships with employers by learning about their business needs.



Why Hire Supported Employment Program Clients

Skills

Workers with an array of skills sets are available and there is no fee for Supported Employment services.

Training Support

Our job coaches are well-trained to quickly learn assigned tasks and support your new employee at no cost to you.

Ongoing Support

Avita Supported Employment Specialists provide area businesses with recruitment assistance and retention support.

Pre-Screening Applicants

Our Supported Employment Specialists take the time to understand the unique needs of your company, and match the skills of our clients with your staffing requirements to ensure the best fit for your organization.

Tax Benefits.

Some companies may be eligible for a tax credit through the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program (WOTC).

Supported Employment Specialists build relationships with employers

Supported Employment Specialists make in-person visits to employers to learn about their business needs. They attempt to be a resource to the business by introducing the employer to a candidate who would be a good fit for that workplace. Another incentive to work with the Avita Supported Employment Program is that employers know that the Supported Employment Specialist will provide ongoing support. In fact, some employers have commented that they wish all of their other employees had the same types of supports.

Job supports are individualized and ongoing

Examples of supports include meetings with the employee to talk about the job, communication with the employer for feedback and problem solving, help with transportation issues, meetings with client's family to talk about the job, assistance with work attire, and so forth. The Avita Supported Employment Program provides job supports until the job performance is stable and the client no longer desires or needs Supported Employment Program assistance.

Education

Assistance with education is provided from the Avita Supported Employment Program when it is related to a person's employment goals. For example, if someone wanted to be a medical biller, a Supported Employment Specialist might help the person find the right school, assist with study skills, help the person enroll with the school's office for students with disabilities, help the student ask for accommodations, or provide other supports.

