

November 19, 2019

Dear Parents, Providers, and Caregivers:

The purpose of my letter is to inform you about changes to our Community Access Group (CAG) teams with respect to their daily activities.

We recently experienced a vehicle theft that resulted in a passenger van being totally damaged and no longer usable. We have started a funding drive to raise money to purchase a replacement vehicle. This loss of a vehicle has forced us to reduce the number of community trips/activities for our CAG teams. These outings will be replaced with meaningful daily living skills training and fun educational activities on our campus to ensure that our program participants are making the most of each and every day.

EmployAbility has the best CAG program in Georgia and our reputation is superb. Our leaders combine training, events, and activities into a program that is implemented both on our campus and at various locations throughout our community. We have many excellent partners that provide a location, purpose, and in some cases, people for our participants to socialize with and learn from active community participation.

There are currently no state or federal funds to pay for these community activities - specifically, there is no reimbursement for transportation from our campus to community locations and return. However, we have identified a potential funding source and we are actively working with state officials to obtain these transportation funds that will help pay for vehicle gas, maintenance, and insurance.

EmployAbility transports approximately 160 participants from their home to our campus and return each day, on 14 different routes. This does not include CAG activities, which serve an additional 42- 48 people each day. Transportation is a \$600,000+ per year expense and we are not reimbursed for these costs. We are doing an excellent job with this service for our participants and we take this responsibility very seriously. It is important for you to know the funding challenges that we face, as well as the steps we are taking to address them.

If you would like to donate to help us purchase a replacement van, please go to our website – [www.employabilityga.org/van911](http://www.employabilityga.org/van911) - no donation is too small to make a big difference! Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ken Boyd  
Executive Director