

Purpose of the NOW Program

The NOW waiver program offers services and supports to individuals to enable them to remain living in their own or family home and participate or live independently in the community.

Goals for participants in the NOW program, which serves individuals with less intensive needs than those in the COMP program, include:

- Avoiding the need for more intensive services. Increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with I/DD.
- Increasing the flexibility of service planning and delivery to meet exact individual needs.
- Providing the opportunity for all participants to elect to direct their services to the extent that they choose.
- Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of NOW participants.

Purpose of the COMP Program

The COMP waiver program, which serves individuals with more intensive needs, primarily provides residential care for individuals with I/DD. These individuals require comprehensive and intensive services and need out-of-home residential support and supervision or intensive levels of in-home services to remain in the community.

The purpose of the COMP program is to offer comprehensive and extensive waiver services to enable individuals with urgent and intense needs to avoid institutional placement. The COMP program provides the level of services needed by individuals transitioning from institutions to community living.

Goals for participants in the COMP program include:

- Avoiding the need for institutional placement
- Increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with ID/DD who have intensive or comprehensive support needs
- Facilitating the transition of institutionalized individuals to community living.
- Offering opportunities statewide for participant direction by waiver participants who have intensive or comprehensive support needs
- Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of COMP program participants

For More Information

Visit the DCH website at:
www.dch.georgia.gov
or visit the DBHDD website at:
www.dbhdd.georgia.gov

NOW/COMP Waiver Program Services

Adult Dental Services
Adult Nursing Service
Adult Occupational Therapy Services
Adult Physical Therapy Services
Adult Speech and Language Therapy Services
Additional Staffing Services
Assistive Technology
Behavioral Supports Services
Community Access Services
Community Guide Services
Community Living Support Services
Community Residential Alternative Services (COMP only)
Environmental Accessibility Adaptation Services

Financial Support Services

Individual Directed Goods and Services
Interpreter Services
Natural Support Training Services
Nutrition Services
Pre-vocational Services
Respite Services
Respite Out-of-Home 15-minute Services
Specialized Medical Equipment Services
Specialized Medical Supplies Services
Support Coordination Services
Intensive Support Coordination Services
Supported Employment Services
Transportation Services
Vehicle Adaptation Services