# SEJA

Southeastern Employment & Training Association
Workforce Development Excellence

## **2021 Fall Conference**

Braiding and Leveraging all the Titles Effectively for Strong Return on Investment

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Our mission is to put people to work.

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# Getting Impact: Return on Investment Braiding & Leveraging Funds







Braid Funding 2 Ways

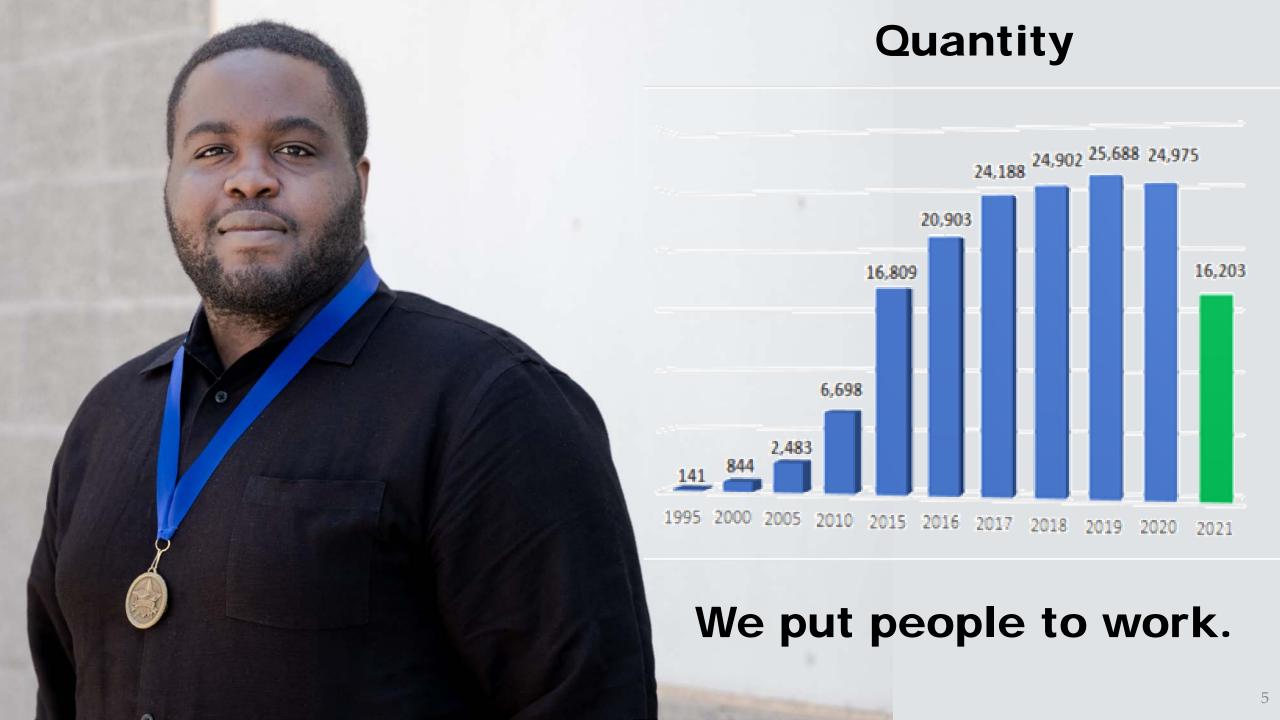
By Person By Cohort



# Storytelling Increases Impact

Intentional strategy and comprehensive, omnichannel communication campaigns for telling impact story.





# **AND Quality to Move People Out of Poverty: ABCs**

A first job
a Better job
a Career.

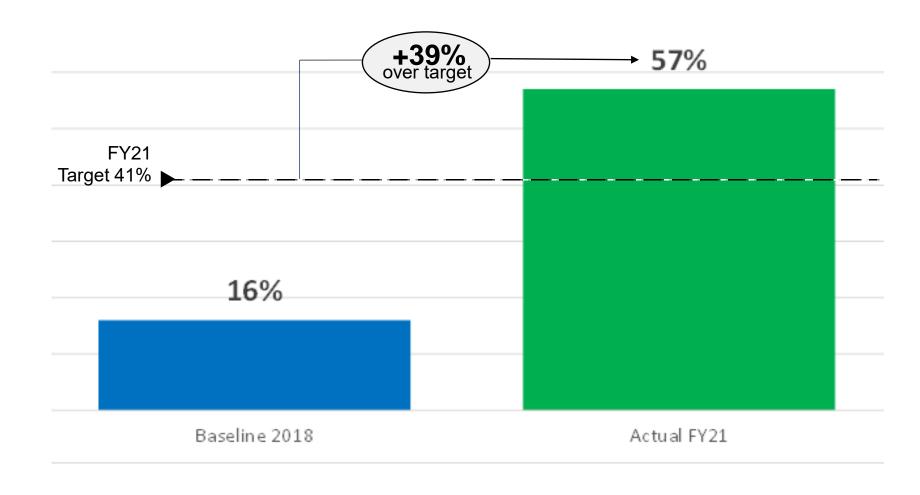


# % of Persons Employed in Better Jobs











# We Work Better Together

# Network and Partnerships

10 college co-enrollment partnerships 26 high school co-enrollment partnerships 39 public sector partnerships 65 non-profit and community-based partnerships 93 private foundation partnerships 5,000+ employer partnerships



# Maximize Resources by Leveraging Funds



**Private** \$ Social Enterprise, Philanthropy

#### Public \$

Title I WIOA ITAs (all LWDBs in our 45-county territory: Youth, Adult, Dislocated Worker)

US-DOL-ETA federal grants: 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Act: Young Adult Reentry Program (YARP)

Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC)

Title II Adult Education – TCSG & K-12: GED, ESL: Literacy Action, Latin American Association,

Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Catholic Charities, MUST Ministries

Title III Wagner Peyser – Employment Services, American Job Centers (UI)

**Title IV** Vocational Rehabilitation Program – GVRA

Perkins Youth Employment Services – HS & TCSG & Goodwill co-enrollment

H.U.D. Financial Opportunity Center: Financial Literacy/Coaching; Benefits Navigation

CDBG Microenterprise, Veterans: Employment & Training, Low income Employment & Training

VA Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

HHS TANF, Foster Care – Independent Living Program

**USDA** SNAP Employment & Training



## WHAT IS SNAP EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING?

- The purpose of SNAP E&T is to help SNAP recipients to meet work requirements, and to gain skills, training, or experience to increase their ability to obtain regular employment.
- The program is administered at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).
- All states are required to operate a program.



## PROGRAM DESIGN

States can design SNAP E&T programs to suit the needs of the population and decide how services will be delivered.

Services can be provided by:

- SNAP eligibility agency;
- State labor agency;
- WIOA service providers;
- Community and Technical Colleges;
- Community Based Organizations (CBO) (Goodwill, YWCA, etc.); or
- Employers.



## **Examples of SNAP E&T Flexibility**

- It can partner with TANF, WIOA or any other workforce program to deliver integrated, holistic and seamless services.
- It can fund training for individuals looking to compete for the middle-skill jobs that employers need.
- It can provide standalone funding for critical participant supports, like transportation, childcare and others; or help to cover supports not funded by other programs.
- It can help to braid and leverage non-federal funding for allowable training and supports already being provided by community-based programs, enhancing sustainability.



## 50/50 (THIRD PARTY) FUNDING

## Fifty Percent Funds – Not Capped:

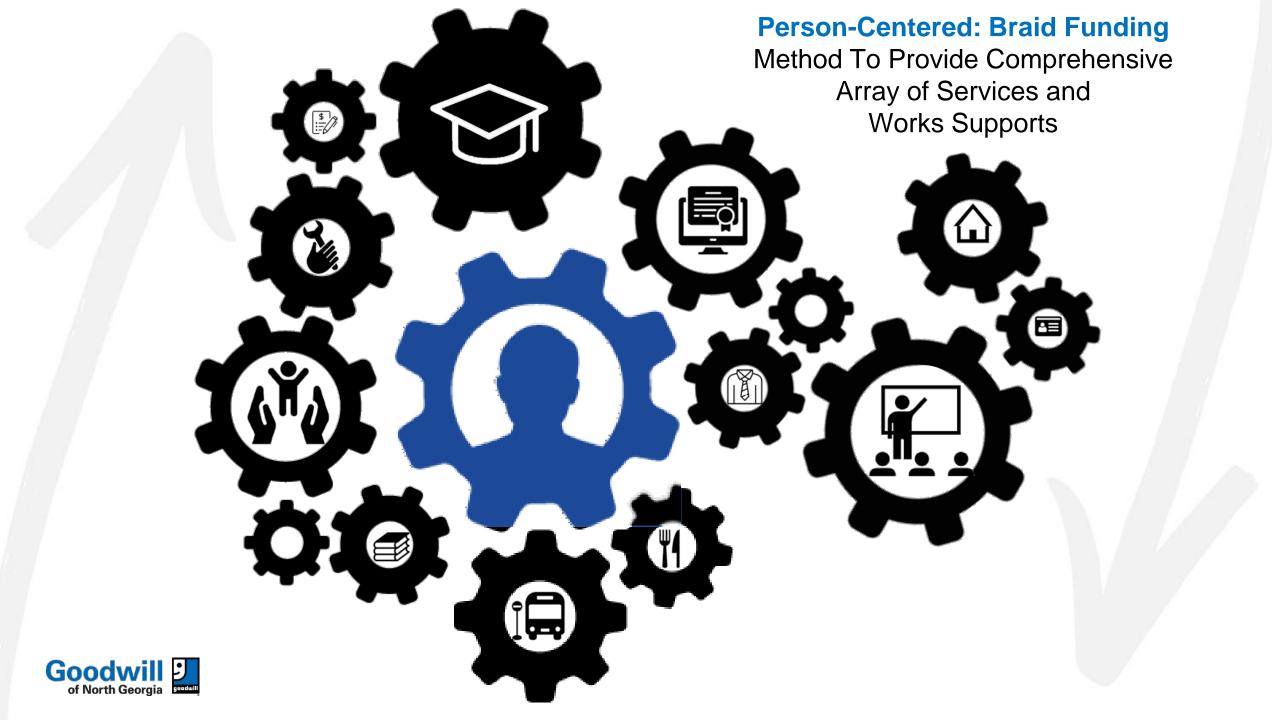
Additional administrative costs that exceed the state's funding under the annual E&T grant, and reimbursement of allowable costs not paid for through federal funds.



## THIRD-PARTY – WHAT IS IT?

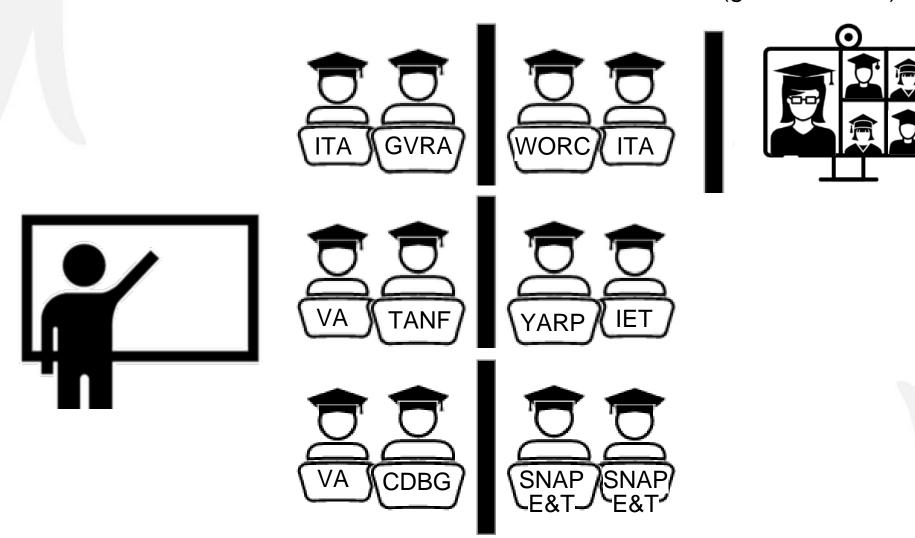
A third-party partnership simply means that E&T services are provided by third parties, such as community colleges, community-based organizations, etc.

**Main Feature:** Funds to pay for the services come from the partners rather than the state or labor agency and can be reimbursed at 50% by federal SNAP E&T funds.



## **Cohort Based – Braided Funding**

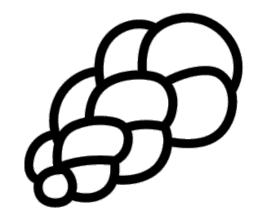
To reach economies of scale and minimum class size (great for rural)







# **Braiding Resources**



- Intake: Navigators, Career Coaches, or Case Managers
- Orientation and Assessment Career Coaches
- Eligibility and Appropriateness across ALL sources College Career Navigators
- Individual Career Plan Case Managers
- Coordination of Care, Case Management, Work Supports Case Managers
- Vocational Training Instructors
- Earn-While-You-Lean: Subsidized Employment/Paid Internships Job Coaches
- Job Placement Employment Specialists
- Retention & Career Advancement Strategies/Alumni Association Retention Specialists





# Highly Complex



# Must Manage the Disparities Between Funding Sources

- Different names for the same service
- Different definition for service with the same name
- Different methods of billing:
  - Cost Reimbursement
  - □ Fee-for-Service
  - Benchmark/Performance-Based Payments
- Eligibility determination processes
- Different Time Limits





# Storytelling All the Time

# Intentional, Comprehensive Campaigns Success stories are just the beginning.

- Mission Impact Reports:
   Annually, with quarterly reports specific to each funder
- Talking Points for staff at every level to share mission impact
- Presentation templates
- Videos for multiple channels & audiences
- Signage and messaging
- Paid Advertising





### Goodwill® Career Services 2020/2021 | Mission Impact Report



# A first job, a Better job, and a Career | Career Pathways ABCs At Goodwill of North Georgia, our mission is to put people to work. Last year, we connected more than 27,000 individuals with jobs. Learn about our North Georgia neighbors who we helped get the tools they wanted for the jobs they needed.









### Technology Careers Program (TCP)

#### PROGRAM

Offered in partnership with TechBridge, the TCP program trains individuals for high-paying jobs in the technology sector. Coursework includes database administration, web development, and SCRUM.







Success Rate Graduates Placed

68%



Graduates Still Employed after 8 months

88%



Program Start to Industry Career (in days)

110



Placements into Full-Time, Living Wage Careers

108



Average Starting Wage for Graduates (per hour)

**\$25.**79



Wages Earned by Program Graduates Last Year

\$5.8m

For more information, call 844-344-WORK (9876) | email CareerServices@ging.org | visit goodwiling.org

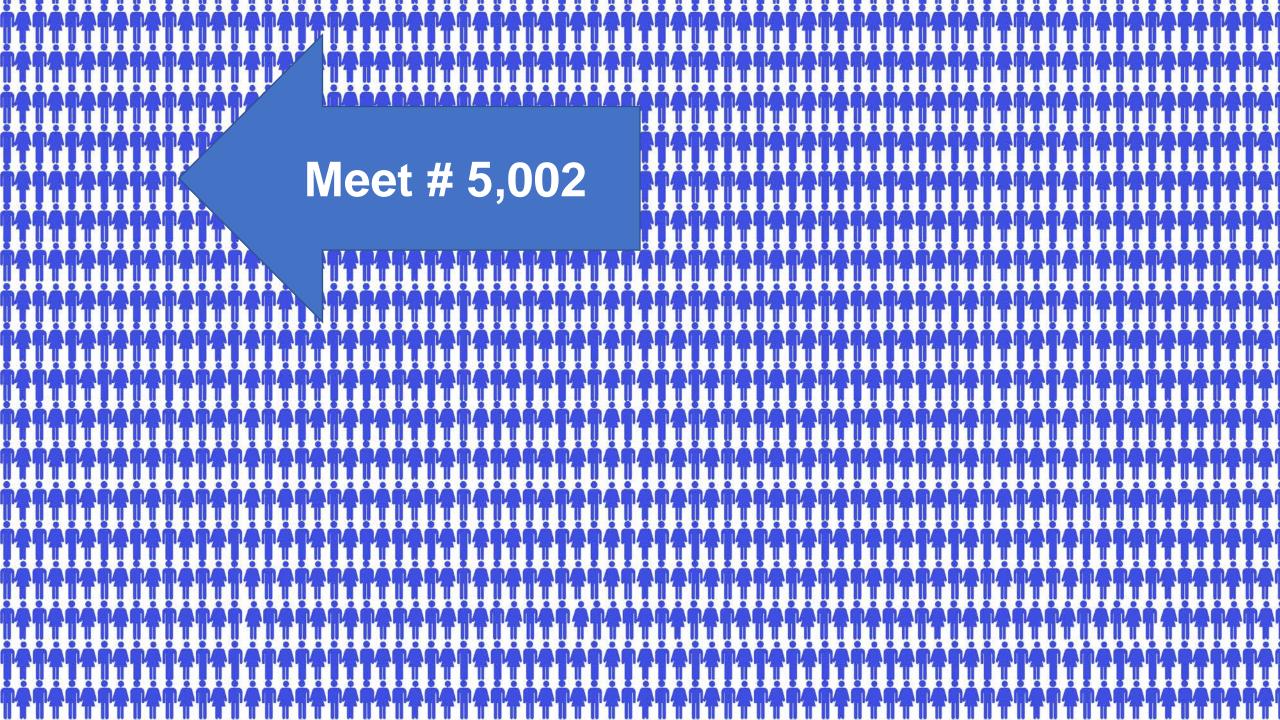
Bring data to life...
more than just a number.





# We Put 25,688 People to Work in FY19!







# Lealinda is one of

1,162
People with Disabilities

6,118

People who were TANF Eligible (welfare)

served last year.



Table 0. Companion	IANI				
Indicator	Pre-Program N= 13	Post-Program N= 6	\$ Change	% Change	
Monthly	\$3,653	\$1,686	1,967	-54%	
Annualized	\$43,836	\$20,232	23,604	- <b>J4</b> /0	

Table 10: Compariso	SNAP			
Indicator	Pre-Program N= 190	Post-Program N= 56	\$ Change	% Change
Monthly	\$24,510	\$7,224	\$17,286	740/
Annualized	\$294,120	\$86,688	\$207,432	-71%

\$231,036

Padviction in 1919

Reduction in public benefits paid

Table 9: Comparison of TANE Benefits Received Pre- and Post-Program



Meet # 13,314





# Nicholas is one of

2,678
Veterans or military family members

50,023 Unemployed Job-Seekers

served last year.



# genduill

### **Monthly Earnings each Quarter after Exit**





Meet # 20,299

A Career for April Dean Hunter



# April is one of

**8,939**Older Workers (55+)

1,519

People who were Under Employed

served last year.



# \$4,741 average increase in earnings

Impacts on Employment and Earnings: Atlanta

Outcome	Program Group	Control Group	Difference (Impact)
Outcomes based on administrative data <sup>a</sup>			
Total earnings during the 30-month follow-up period (\$)	30,329	25,588	4,741***



Meet # 23,820



# 3,408 People with Criminal Backgrounds

State prisons cost about

\$44.56 per inmate per day

\$16,264. per year





# 4.3% decrease in recidivism rates

Impacts on Confirmatory Outcomes					
		Criminal			
	Child Support	Justice			
Earnings (\$)	Payments <sup>a</sup> (\$)	Event <sup>b</sup> (%)			
10 quarters	10 quarters	12 months			
4,866***	1,220***	-4.3*			



Criminal Justice Event includes any

arrest, conviction, or admission to prison



Preventing 4.3% of the 3,408 people we served from going to prison again saves Georgia tax payers

\$2,383,391 per year

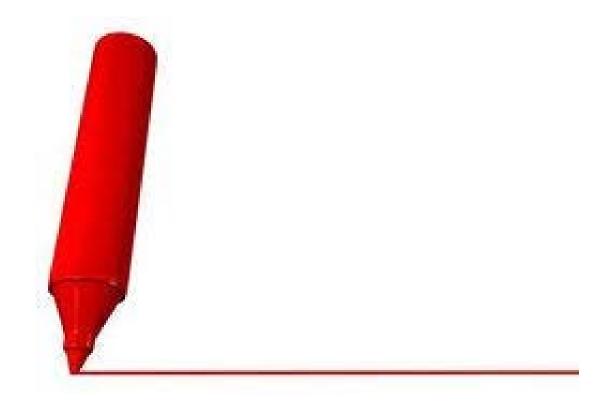


# Power of Partnership





# **BOTTOM LINE**





# **SELF-SUFFICIENCY**





# **QUESTIONS???**





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