



GCDD is Building it's  
First Coalition of  
Family Advocates  
on Developmental  
Disabilities

## *The Goal*

The goal of the Coalition of Family Advocates on Developmental Disabilities is to positively impact the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Georgia through legislative action initiated by an effective Coalition of Family Advocates.

# Eligibility



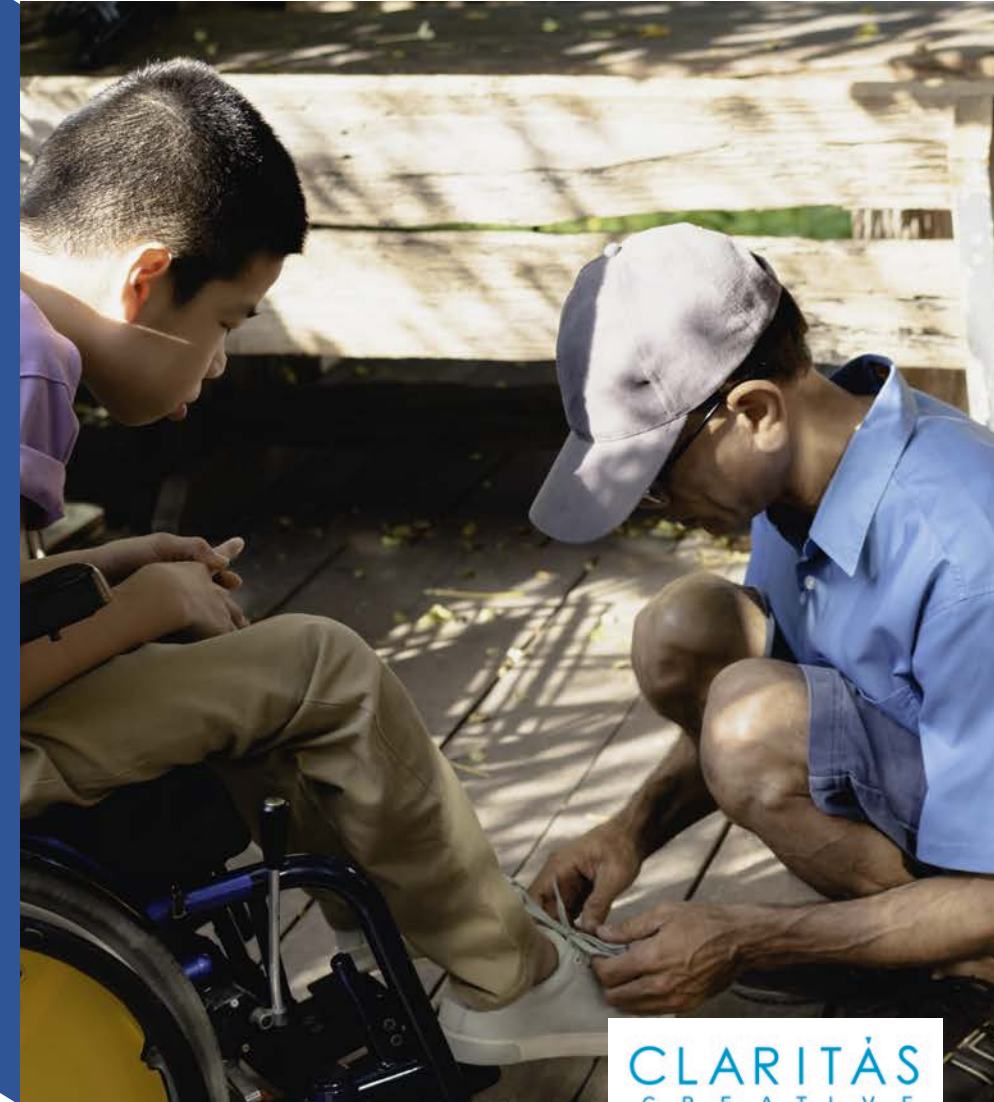
- Definition of Family— *“Anyone who knows and loves someone with a developmental disability”*  
(Sibling, Parent, Guardian, Child, Friend, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Cousin, Neighbor, Other)
- Individuals over 18 years old
- Must be a resident of Georgia
- Minimum 1 year commitment for inaugural members
- Must be participating as a voice of a family member or ally and sharing your experience accordingly. (Self-advocates, representing their experiences are encouraged to join GCDD’s self-advocate coalition)





# *Opportunities*

- Opportunity to be a leader in developmental disability advocacy and coalition building
- Advocacy training and curriculum opportunities
- In-person and virtual events
- Expand your professional network
- Expand your personal support network



# *The Work*

- Share your feedback and experience and as part of a listening tour and frequent surveys to better understand the needs and priorities of family members
- Participate in advocacy action items (emails, phone calls, events or other (min 4 x's/year)
- Take the Coalition of Family Advocates training course (available virtually and in print)
- Access your personal and/or professional network to expand the reach of the Coalition work
- Interest in being a leader in the coalition in the future
- Be a voice with the developmental disability community and share your voice as a concerned family member and ally
- Expand on the advocacy work of Self-advocates

# *What's Next*

- Accepting Applications (*Now*)

<https://www.claritascreative.com/gcdd-cfaapp>

See the FAQ's section in the event lobby/ info desk for this link. If you have additional questions or input, please email [Advocacy@ClaritasCreative.com](mailto:Advocacy@ClaritasCreative.com)

- Inaugural Class of Coalition Leaders Activities (*May-December*)

- Review and Selection of Applicants (*Mid-March*)

The Inaugural Class of 25-35 members will be selected based upon a number of factors to include diversity of Age, Gender, Ethnicity, Geographic Location (by county), Relationship to Individual with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities.