

About GSIL

GSIL is a nonprofit organization committed to equal opportunity for all people with disabilities. Founded in 1980 by a small group of people with disabilities who wanted to control their lives, GSIL has grown into a statewide information, advocacy, and direct services organization. As New Hampshire's only community-based, cross disability, consumer-controlled independent living center, GSIL is dedicated to directly providing or assisting consumers find the services and supports they need to maximize their chance of living independently. GSIL's Employment and Community Support Program (ECSP) has been providing day services for more than 30 years and has extensive experience in creating effective individualized services. We are committed to meeting each individual's unique needs and being as flexible as funding permits.



GSIL at Work:

“We are very happy with the present situation our son Matt is in at this time. He has the best job he’s ever had and is very happy.”

— Matt's parents



Employment and Community Support Program

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Major funders of the ECSP:

Community Bridges

Moore Center Regional Services

Pathways of the River Valley

GSIL is an award-winning organization:

2010 Pinnacle Award,
Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce
2010 Year of Service Citadel Broadcasting
2009 Corporate Fund Award for
Excellence in Nonprofit Management
2009 NHBR Business Excellence Award
— Nonprofit
2007 Business NH Magazine
Nonprofit of the Year



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The Choice Is Yours...

Employment Supports:

GSIL will assist consumers in finding and maintaining employment based on their unique interests and abilities. Once employment is found, GSIL will provide on the job supports tailored to meet the specific needs of each consumer. Support could include some or all of the following:

- Job coaching/training support
- The development of natural supports
- Assessment of job-retention skills
- Employer contacts/check-ins/troubleshooting
- Transportation assistance

Community Supports:

GSIL will assist consumers in accessing their communities ensuring ongoing opportunities to develop connections and relationships. GSIL offers a wide array of options including:

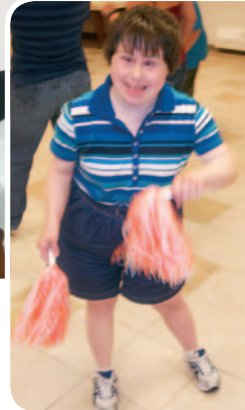
- Volunteer work (10 + settings available)
- Skills acquisition (academic, safety, etc)
- Involvement in community activities (bowling, craft groups, swimming, etc.)
- Exploring community resources; attending seasonal events

GSIL in the Community



“I like getting out everyday. I do a good job at work and have fun at dance class and bingo.”

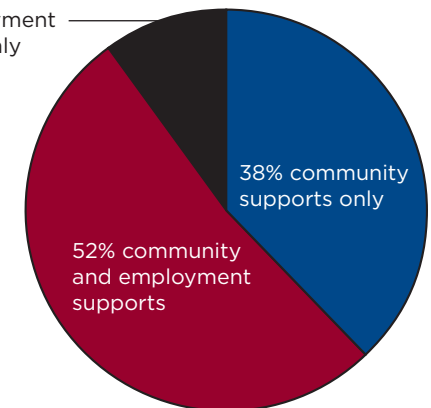
— Mary



The ECSP provides services to adults of all ages. Our consumers have a choice in overall program focus and can choose to solely pursue employment supports; solely to pursue community supports or select varying degrees of both.

Consumers who choose:

10% employment supports only



“I like my jobs. I make money and I feel good.”

— Arthur, currently working two jobs, placed via GSIL

