



To whom it may concern:

As of January 2024, NWGA CIL staff will begin to work with area partners and GVRA to begin as a pilot program in one of three Centers for Independent Living across the state of Georgia to provide three sessions of eight-week classes for youth with IEP's ranging from 11-14 years old. The classes will focus on soft skills, peer mentoring, advocacy and much more. In the sessions, there will be unique opportunities for youth to experience training on the beautiful Cave Springs and Warm Springs campuses with our staff and other community partners. It is NWGA CIL's mission and wish for youth with disabilities to have opportunities to train and learn of their area resources and peer mentoring with other youth with disabilities. NWGA CIL would like to thank the Georgia School for the Deaf for their support in this five-year pilot program. It is our honor and privilege to ensure that the youth of northwest Georgia will lead the way for all youth in Georgia to experience this innovative training opportunity.

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