

STEP EIGHT: INCREASE YOUR INCOME



In the greater Atlanta area, the Housing Wage, the amount an individual needs to earn in order to afford stable housing, is \$19.11/hour or \$39,758/year. Talk to your client about where they are in relation to this minimal threshold and discuss various short term and long term opportunities to increase their income. Take the time to understand the type of work they enjoy, the lifestyle they want to lead, and help them create a plan to get there.

8.A COURT ORDERED CHILD SUPPORT

Learn how to get it

RESOURCE: [Child Support Services \(PDF\)](#)

8B: COMPETITIVE WAGE

Find out what similar jobs are paying in their community.

RESOURCE: Georgia – May 2019 OES State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates

8C: JOB- READY SKILLS

Help them get some fundamental job-ready skills from Hire Hope, a program by Randstad for women exiting homelessness.

RESOURCE: [Hire Hope Brochure](#)

RESOURCE: [Hire Hope FAQs](#)

RESOURCE: [Hire Hope Application](#)

8D: SIDE-GIG INCOME

RESOURCE: [How to Increase Your Income With A Side-Gig](#)

8E: WORK FROM HOME

RESOURCE: www.flexjobs.com

8F: UPGRADE SKILLS TO INCREASE INCOME

RESOURCE: [Lynda: Online Courses, Classes, Training, Tutorials](#) Free online courses are available from Microsoft in the areas of software development, web development, business, design, photography, marketing

RESOURCE: [Technical College System of Georgia: TCSG](#) Free or low cost training available in over 600 programs with a 99% successful job placement rate. They also offer a program called Quickstart that trains people for specific high demand jobs. Training is paid for by the employer.

RESOURCE: [Worksource Georgia Portal](#) Free training, education, career exploration about high demand jobs for low income people.

RESOURCE: [Job Connection, Training Programs & Career Services | Find a Career Goodwill](#) offers job searches, job training, and education about how to start your own business.

RESOURCE: [Per Scholas Free Tech Job Training & Employer Connections](#) Per scholas offers free job training for entry level jobs in IT support, cybersecurity, and software engineering. They have an 80% successful job placement rate and the average starting job is \$42,000/year.

RESOURCE: [Worksource Georgia | One Stop Career Resource Center Presentation Slides & Video Recording](#)

RESOURCE: [Bls.gov](#)- Tools to help narrow down a particular career you may be suited to. Under subjects, go to the employment section, lots of topics to help narrow down a career field. Also, the Pay and Benefits section can tell you hourly rates for a particular job you may be interested in.

RESOURCE: [Careeronestop.org](#)- career exploration, training, and jobs

RESOURCE: [atlworks.org](#)- WIOA program

8G: FIND A BETTER JOB

RESOURCE: [Georgia Department of Labor](#)

8H: SMALL BUSINESS START UP

RESOURCE: Training to Start a Business | GoodBIZ Entrepreneurship Program Goodwill's program GoodBIZ, is a 15 week training program that helps both established and prospective business owners develop, implement and refine their business plan.

The training curriculum is structured to cover a myriad of business topics including:

- Business Feasibility
- Concept and Business Plan Development
- Marketing (including social media)
- Financial Literacy and Management
- Business Law
- Human Resources
- Intellectual Property

Upon completion of the program, participants are paired with a business coach to support them as their business grows and changes. The business coach has the experience and resources to help business owners implement and refine their business strategies.

RESOURCE: ACE WBC 10 Steps to Start a Business in GA Ace is a nonprofit located in Norcross that provides, training, education, and small business loans to women who want to start their own business.

Their online education program leads you in the development of a complete business plan.

RESOURCE: Start Your Online Training With DreamBuilder