### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

BAIN, Inc. is a Center for Independent Living (CIL) dedicated to promoting independence and improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities in South Georgia.

BAIN meetings are open to the public and we invite you to attend. BAIN meetings are held quarterly the 1st Monday of the month at : 711 E. Shotwell Street from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



Under the IRS, we are a Charitable Organization 501- C-3

We serve 11 counties in Southwest Georgia: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, and Thomas.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Serving People with Disabilities

# WHAT IS BAIN?

#### Bainbridge Advocacy Individual Network

is a consumer driven, non-residential, community based organization helping people with disabilities live independently and become participating members of society. BAIN, Inc. is governed and staffed by people with disabilities.

The foundation of our services is the peer supporter relationship, i.e., people with disabilities that serve as role models and mentors.

Since it's founding in 1995, BAIN has been advocating for changes to make the community accessible to people with disabilities and offering a core of services which include: peer support, independent living skills training, individual and systems advocacy, and information and referral.

It is our philosophy that people with disabilities can control and direct their own lives, taking risks, and either failing or succeeding on their own terms.

# **CORE SERVICES:**

#### **Independent Living Skills Training**

BAIN staff provides independent living skills training in any life area in which the consumer has a goal to become independent.

#### **Information and Referral**

BAIN provides individuals with disabilities, family members, other service providers and the community at large with information on options and resources, which enable people with disabilities to live more self-sufficiently.

#### **Individual Advocacy**

BAIN staff works with you to understand your rights and obtain the support services you need to live independently.

#### Systems Advocacy

BAIN staff, board members and volunteers initiating activities to make changes in the community that make it easier for all persons with disabilities to live more independently.

#### Peer Support

People with disabilities helping other people with disabilities achieve their goals of selfsufficiency.

#### **Nursing Home Transition**

Assists individuals wishing to move from a nursing home or other institution back into a home in the community.

#### **Youth Transition Services**

Support independence, employment and career advancement of students and youth with disabilities

# ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

Home Modification Program Assistive Devices/ Assistive Technology Low Cost Eyeglass Program Basic Computer Class for Elderly Computer with Internet Resource Library Alternative Formats: Large Print, Audio Cassette, and Braille Home Access Program

#### **FUNDING SOURCES**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency U.S. Department of Education (ACL) Public & Private Donations Foundations United Way Local Government

