**State Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Georgia\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_People First of Georgia\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Demographic survey from Survey Monkey (insert your information)

Georgia has 120 surveys as of May 9, 2014.

We have done 2 vlog/blogs

C:\Users\Juliana\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\18CRGSBE\MC900388914[1].wmf**Mission statement**

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| Our mission statement is …to teach people to become their own self advocate, what their rights are for a person with disabilities, how to become independent, and to be part of their community, their voting rights as a registered voter, to help people find real jobs. |

**Our History**

We started in \_\_\_\_\_\_1991\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (year).

We have state board with \_\_\_13\_\_\_ members.

We have \_\_\_26\_\_\_\_ self advocacy chapters in our state. We have 200 members.

It started with 3 people (2 were self advocates, 1 was an advisor) going to different meetings and talked about self advocacy. We also we to Community Service Boards and talked about staring People First. We also went to high schools.PF participate d with ADAPT in 2000. We also hosted the 2006 SABE Conference with the Southern Collaborative states. We have our own statewide self advocacy conference and have had one over the past 10 years. One of the issues we started working with was transportation, real jobs for real pay, people speaking up for themselves, getting people registered to vote, teaching people that they can live on their own, what they can do to get on the Medicaid waiver, the process, resource for people with disabilities, also housing issues. We continue working on these issues, some more than others like transportation, equal work for equal pay and getting registered to vote. One of our new issues are the marriage penalty and guardianships.

**(SCOTT Analysis)**

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| We have more people speaking up for themselves. We have people asking questions about housing issues, the Medicaid waiver. Have experience in filling out the para-transportation application. We do presentations, and help people register to vote. We have added 5 new chapters to or group. |

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| Lack of local support for chapters. We have some chapters that are not as active anymore. They are members still. Service centers provide limited support. The money we get has restriction with it. Members have trouble using technology with education and access. |

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| We have support from our P&A, DDPC, 2 UCEDDs.  P&A is our biggest supporter, they give us a space and vote project activity  DDPC give us activities to do that they want us to do |

 **Threats and Trends:** List the problems that you do not have control of and that keeps your group from accomplishing your goals:

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| Funding: no money, and very limited transportation, VR is changing their structure |

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**State Technical Assistance Project Work Plan**

**Goal: Develop and Implement a State Technical Assistance Needs and Plan to strengthen the organization**

Measurable Outcome(s): Participating State Self Advocacy Organizations develop, implement and monitor an individualized plan for strengthening their organizations and local groups capacity to run their organizations through partnerships with SABE, DD Network, and community organizations.

**State Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

| **Objective** | **Action Steps** | **1\***  **October-December** | **2\***  **January-March** | **3\***  **April-June** | **4\***  **July-September** |
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| **To Develop or Enhance partnerships with DD Partners in your state** | 1. **Host a retreat to identify ways and timeframes on activities that you can work together on** |  |  |  |  |
| **Increase connections to the grassroots to promote self advocacy efforts** | 1. **Host 2 per quarter (8 for year) Grassroots Events with a partner to promote one or more of the issues identified in the needs assessment: Employment First/voting rights/human rights/self advocacy membership recruitment of Individuals with Disabilities, Olmstead, Marriage Penalty, Community Living, Transportation, Affordable Housing, relationships** 2. Work with Atlanta Legal Aid on Olmstead 3. Work with P&A with Employment First 4. Work with P&A with Voting Rights |  |  |  |  |
| **Enhance the state leaderships skills in providing peer to peer technical assistance in their state and the region** | 1. **Participate in Quarterly Advisory Committee meetings for OCSS** 2. **Attend Face to Face Meetings of the Webinar** 3. **Present on at least one OCSS Webinar** 4. **Submit at least 2 blogs or Vlogs on issues of concern** 5. **Participate in OCSS Webinar** |  |  |  |  |
| **Establishment of state structure to maintain connections with grassroots** | 1. **Develop a strategic plan and funding (financial plan) for a state structure that supports grassroots issues** 2. **Secure at least one grant per year with the support of your partners** 3. **Complete 501(C)3 application** |  |  |  |  |