Child Welfare Organizations

Barton Law and Policy Center
- Advocate for law and policies affecting children
- Represent children in juvenile court proceedings
- Analyzes data and provides feedback to courts and child-serving agencies about compliance with policy and statutory requirements.
- Raise awareness about child abuse, foster care, adoption, and juvenile justice.
- Training for child advocacy professionals
- Provide research-based information about best practices and whether policies and laws affecting children have their intended effect

Justice for Children
- Training for attorneys in child welfare cases
- Working to improve legal representation in juvenile court cases.
- Works with Juvenile court judges and others involved in court process to improve the court process.
- Advocating for legislative changes to improve placement stability.
- Working with DFCS to assist in achieving permanency for children who have been in foster care for an extended amount of time.
- Working to improve Georgia’s ICPC process
- Improving knowledge on the law regarding foster parent notice and opportunity to be heard
- Working with the courts to improve IV-E reimbursement

Casey Family Foundation
- Law & Policy Advocacy
- Work with various cooperatives/collaboratives
- Education & Training
- Analyze data and provide feedback
- Provide community-based services for children
- Develop and evaluate effective child welfare practices and policies
- Share knowledge with state, tribal, and county child welfare systems.
- Research, data analysis, evaluation and strategic consultation.
- Advocate for laws and policies to improve system.

Georgia Appleseed
- Legal advocacy
  - Working to enhance educational stability for foster children.
  - Effective Student Discipline

Notations:
- Barton Law and Policy Center: Advocate for law and policies affecting children.
- Justice for Children: Training for attorneys in child welfare cases.
- Casey Family Foundation: Law & Policy Advocacy.
- Georgia Appleseed: Legal advocacy.
Governor's Office of Children and Families
- Provides various trainings, including mandated reporter training.
- Administers state and federal funds for Child abuse prevention.
- Develops, manages and monitors statewide Child Abuse and Prevention Plan.
- Administer the CSEC task force.
- Administer the Georgia Children's Cabinet - cooperative working with children who makes recommendations for improving services to children.

Office of Child Advocate
- Provides information for Mandated Reporters and training links as well as various other training links.
- Identifies patterns of treatment and service for children and making recommendations for necessary policy implications and systemic improvements.
- Independent oversight of child welfare agency cases in which DFCS had involvement in the last 5 years.
- Protect individual children referred to OCA, and coordinate efforts with LE.
- Collaborative efforts to increase transparency and accountability, and improve outcomes.
- Guardian ad Litem Training
  - Child Abuse Protocol

Georgia Cares
- Maintains 24-Hr. CSEC Victim Services Hotline
- Care coordination, follow-up and evaluation for CSEC victims and family
- Training for communities and professionals
- Law & Policy Advocacy
- Work with various cooperatives/collaboratives
- Education & Trainings

Prevent Child Abuse
- Administers statewide Information & Referral line
- Creating a statewide prevention network.
- Conducting and disseminating research to guide the development of policies, programs and services to enhance the health and well-being of children and their families.
- Encourage the development of prevention programs statewide
- Advocacy for child abuse prevention.
- Increase public awareness about child abuse/neglect through trainings and events.
- Provides information for Mandated Reporters & training link.
JUSTGeorgia
• Working to enact and implement new juvenile code to better serve children.
• Advocacy for law & policy effecting children
• Monitor to ensure laws are having intended effects

Georgia CASA
• Community Advocacy
• Volunteer based
• Advocates for children involved in juvenile dependency proceedings

Interfaith Children’s Movement
• Education
• Community Advocacy
• Networking faith communities to information and services programs for children and families

Georgia Association of Counsel for Children
• Training, Education & Support for Attorney’s
• Collaborative regarding child protection and well-being
KIDS COUNT

- Compiles data on child well-being in each county
- Publishes a yearly report with the data

Voices for Georgia’s Children
- Developing policy agenda focusing on children
- Education and publications about issues effecting children
- Advocate for legislative changes
- Provides information, measures, collective voice, and proposed legislation.

Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children
- Advocacy
- Education and training
- Direct and collaboration services in child abuse investigations
Trainings

Mandated Reporter Training

- Office of Child Advocate
- Governor’s Office of Children and Families
- Prevent Child Abuse Georgia
- Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children
Prevent Child Abuse:
  • Free Online Mandated Reporter Training*
  • Webinars on various topics related to child welfare
  • Prevention and Considerations for Children with Special Needs – done in partnership with Childkind Inc.
  • Early Neglect and the Brain: Promoting Healthy Development
  • Parent Café: Core Elements
* Through ProSolutions sponsored by GOCF*

Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children:
  • Offer a wide range of trainings via conferences and webinars including:
    • Stewards of Children: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Trainings
    • Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse in Georgia: Your role in recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect
    • Using a Victim/Survivor-Centered Approach When Working with Trafficked Youth

Governor’s Office of Family and Children
  • Link to the National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds (Alliance) online training to support implementation of the Strengthening Families Protective Factors framework in multiple settings
  • GOCF Youth Development Workshop — professional development workshop
  • Various online trainings through ProSolutions including:
    • Creating Healthy Lifestyles: Balancing School-age Diets with Good Food Choices
    • Phonemic Awareness in Young Children: The Gateway to Reading Success
    • Social and Emotional Development of Preschoolers
    • Mandated Reporting Requirements: A Track for Georgia’s Medical Professionals
    • Child Abuse and Neglect: Mandated Reporting Requirements for Employees, Volunteers, and Contractors of Georgia Public Schools
    • Safe Sleep for Georgia Babies
      • Block Play as a Creative Learning Strategy
      • Conducting Purposeful Visits with Toddlers and Preschoolers
      • Conducting Purposeful Visits with Elementary School Children
      • Conducting Purposeful Visits with Teens
    • Bullying Basics: Recognizing Bullying Behaviors and Risk Factors
      • The Basics of Effective Human Services Interviewing
      • Techniques for Interviewing Challenging Clients

Child Advocate’s Office:
  • Child Abuse Protocol Training
    • Forensic Interviewing of Children Training — through the Anna Crawford Children’s Center
    • Guardian ad Litem Training – Provides updated information on where to locate GAL training with approved curriculum
    • Link to information about the CASA program and training program.
    • Provides links to other assorted trainings, conferences, etc.
  • Free Online Mandated Reporter Training – all 3 trainings available*
* Through ProSolutions sponsored by GOCF*
Barton Child Law and Policy Center
• Monthly Child Welfare Academies
  • Partner in Complex Trauma Summit

Justice for Children
• Various trainings/summits throughout the year
  • Trauma Summit

Georgia Association of Counsel for Children
• Training on new Juvenile Dependency code and TPR provisions

Georgia CASA
• Trainings for volunteers (initial and annually)