



**Georgia Department
of Human Services**

DFCS State Advisory Board Meeting

August 13, 2024



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Welcome & Attendance



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Agenda Approval



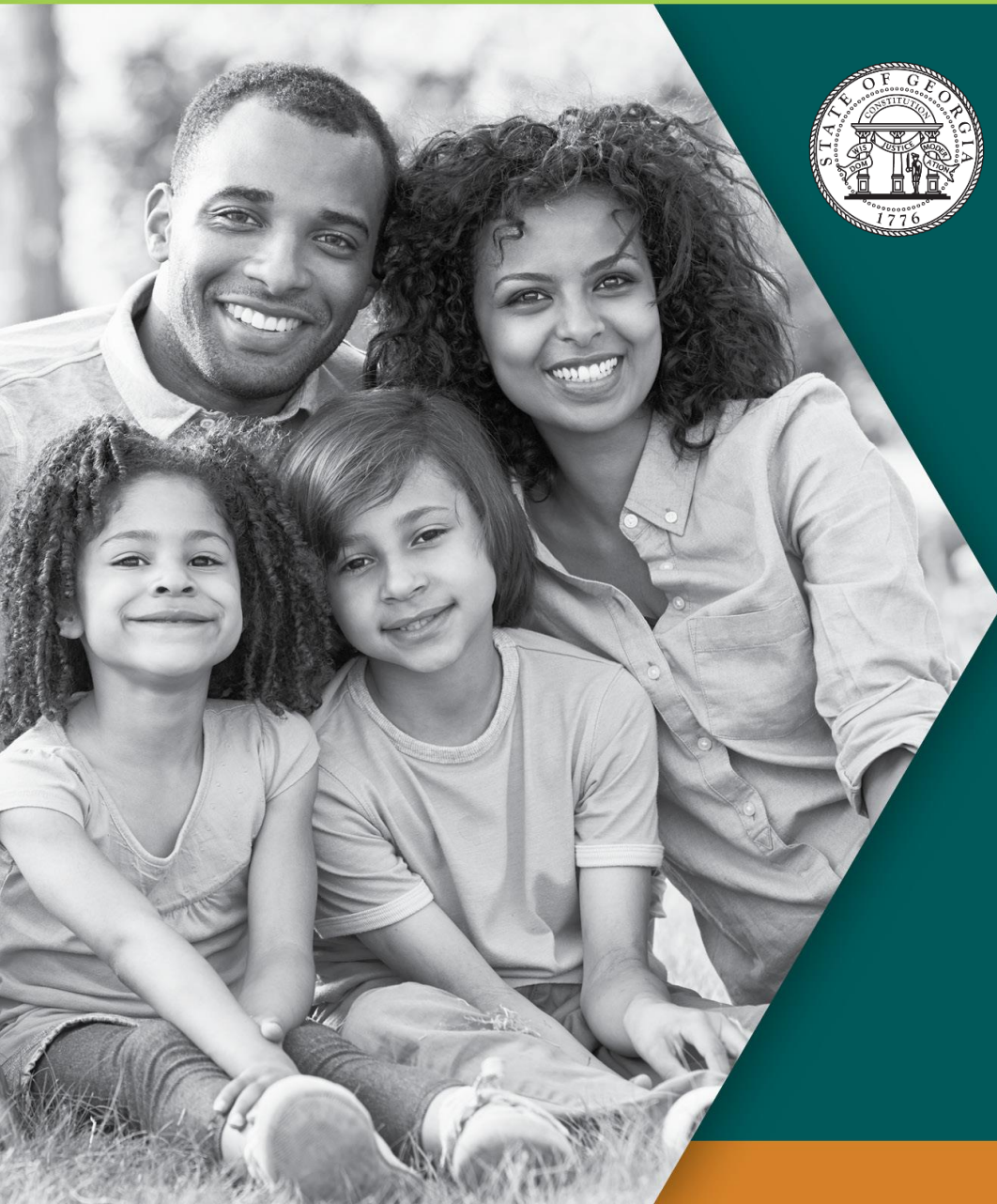
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May 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval



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Director's Letter



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Child Welfare Updates and Initiatives

Mary Havick

Deputy Commissioner, Child Welfare

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Celebrating Georgia's Caregivers



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Georgia Communicare

- Georgia Communicare is a set of interconnect web portals designed to support and enhance child welfare programs.
- It serves DFCS staff, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), foster parents, and parents.
- Georgia Communicare seamlessly integrates with SHINES, our existing DHS System of Record, to ensure efficient and secure data management and communication.
- In May 2024, during National Foster Care Awareness Month, we announced the launch of the Georgia Communicare mobile app.
- We are contracting with the University of Georgia's School of Social Work to help us evaluate and promote Georgia Communicare statewide.



Technology Modernization

- DFCS is currently developing additional technology projects that will positively impact child welfare.
- These projects include:
 - Caregiver Connection, a foster parent onboarding and re-evaluation portal
 - Foster parent reimbursement technology



Questions?

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Board Chair Report

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Board Chair Updates

- **DeKalb County Court House National Adoption Day**
 - November 22, 2024
- **Library Kiosks**





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Committee Break-Out



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Committee Reports



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Regional Reports



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Executive Committee Nominations



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Closing Comments