



Synopsis of Questions

Meeting 1, 3.26.21

Who is on the core workgroup?

The core workgroup is a smaller group of representatives from DFCS and other state agencies. Core workgroup members help guide development of decision-making frameworks for the Prevention Services Workgroup and offer ad hoc assistance in validating and developing processes and materials for the Prevention Services Workgroup. Core workgroup members also participate in the meetings of the Prevention Services Workgroup.

Members of the core workgroup are as follows. Please note that some members of the core workgroup may delegate to a designee as appropriate and necessary.

Carmen Callaway, DFCS Director Well-Being Services

Natalie Towns, DFCS Director Prevention & Community Support

Monica Scott, DFCS Support Services Manager

Roger Hubbard, DFCS PSSF Program Manager

Naima Simon, DFCS Data Unit Director

James Kizer, DFCS Care Coordination Treatment Unit Director

Tripp Jones, DFCS Safety Services Manager

Donjai Calhoun, DFCS Early Childhood Collaboration Manager

Dante McKay, DBHDD Director Office of Children Young Adults & Families, Division of Behavioral Health

Cassandra Price, DBHDD MHMRSA Program & Policy Development

Dr. Terri Timberlake, DBHDD Director Adult Mental Health/Behavioral Health

Catherine Ivy, DCH Deputy Executive Director

Twanna Nelson, DPH Deputy Director, Family and Community Supports

Racquel Watson, DJJ Program Operations Manager

Shyniece Howard, DJJ Director Office of Federal Revenue Maximization

Stephanie Mikkelsen, CJCC Juvenile Justice Program Director

Who is included in this Prevention Services Workgroup?

The Prevention Services Workgroup membership includes service providers, community organizations, state agencies, and DFCS Field Operations and State Office staff.

Registration for the Prevention Services Workgroup was open to all providers and community agencies with the limitation of one invitee per provider agency. Organizations represented in the workgroup are listed below.

A Friend's House, Advocates for Children, All Safe Driving Clinic, ALR Family Services INC., AMIkids, Atlanta Children's Foundation, Avita Community Partners, Bagley Youth Development LLC, Bald Ridge Lodge, Bethany Christian Services of Georgia, Bloom Our Youth Inc, Care Solutions Inc, Care4All Children Services Inc, CareMore Counseling Center LLC, CarePartners of Georgia, Carrie Steele-Pitts Home, CASA of Forsyth County, Casa Paulding, Center for Family Research University of Georgia, Centerstone, Chestatee Counseling Center, Child Advocate Network/DeKalb CASA, Childkind, Children First Inc, Choices for Life of Georgia LLC, Chosen Care Inc, CHRIS 180, Christian City Inc, Clayton County Health District, Clinical Intervention Specialists, Cobb County Community Services Board, Community Solutions Inc, Connecting Generations Inc, Coweta CASA, Creative Community Services, CSB, CSB of Middle GA, Dawson County Family Connection, Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), DeKalb County Child Advocacy Center, DeKalb CSB, Devereaux Advanced Behavioral Health, DHS/OIG Residential Child Care Licensing, Elite Care Inc, Elks Aidmore Inc, Pearls of Mae LLC, Emerge Program/New Horizons, Evidence-Based Associates (EBA), Exchange Club Family Resource Center, FaithBridge Foster Care, Families 4 Families, Families First, Families in Need of Services, Family Connections of Warren County, Family Insight LLC, Family Support Council Inc, Family Ties Enterprises Inc, FamilyMenders, FLC, Focus Youth Innovation, Fostering LIFE, Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities, Fulton County Parents as Teachers, Gabriels House, GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students, Georgia Alliance of Therapeutic Services (GATS), Georgia Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries, Inc., Georgia CASA, Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, Georgia Counseling and Rehabilitation Services, Georgia HOPE, Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, Georgia MENTOR, Georgia Parent Support Network, Georgia Psychological, Georgia Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Goshen Valley Foundation, Grace Harbour Inc, Health Connect America, Healthier Generations Project, Health Families Columbus, Healthy Families Crisp, HEARTS for Families Inc, Highland Rivers Health, Hillside Inc, Hope Behavioral Health & Addictive Disease Wellness Center, Hope House Inc Augusta, Hopeful Homes, Horizons Family Services, Impact Counseling, Innovative Living for Life, Inspiritus, Jesse's House, Kenneth B. Walker Residential Inc, KES INC, Lamar County Schools, Lamar County Family Connection, LDL&C Restoration House, LDS, Legacy Behavior Health, Life Empowerment Services LLC, Little Debbie's Second Chance Homes, Life Life Counseling LLC, Lookout Mountain Community Services-WIN Georgia CME program, Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe, Malinda Graham and Associates, Marcella's Community Safehouse, Inc., Mentoring Youth Services, Milton Brown & Associates, Inc. dba Eastchester, Mindful Matters Counseling Services, Multi Agency Alliance for Children, Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers, National Youth Advocate Program, Navigate Recovery Gwinnett, Nee Horizons, Neighbor to Family, Never Lost Inc, New Heights Behavioral Consultants, New Horizons Behavioral Health, New Mercy FST, New Vision Youth & Community Services LLC, North Georgia Healthcare Center, Nue Beginnings Residence Home Inc, On The Path Children and Family Services, Open Arms Group Home Inc, Open Door Home, Pathway to Hope Counseling Services Inc, Positive Growth, Prevent Child Abuse Athens, Prevent Child Abuse Bulloch County, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, Prevent Child Abuse Gordon

County Inc. dba Family Resource Center, Prevent Child Abuse Rockdale Inc, Priss & Frank Family Center Inc, ProFamily, Project Family LLC, Purposed-Life Coaching Services LLC, Rainbow Children's Home, Rainbow House Children's Resource Center, Raven Counseling Services Inc, Receiving Hope Center, Road to Success, Rock of Ages Youth Home, Safe Families for Children, SAFFT, Santina Fryer, Sconiers Homeless preventive Organization Inc, Seeds that Grow Inc, Serenity Community Services, Sharon is Caring, Shirley Therapeutic and Consulting Services, Southeastern Psychological Associates, Inc., Southern Living Academy Inc, St Dominic Savio Motivational Place (DSMP), Inc., STAND INCORPORATED, STE Counseling Service Inc, Stepstone Family and Youth Services, Success for Children and Families, Supporting Adoption & Foster Families Together, Taking a Step Beyond, The Center for Children and Young Adults, The Childrens Haven WellStar Family Visitation Center, The Decision Tree, LLC, The Methodist Home of the South Georgia Conference, The reThink Group, The Vashti Center, Together Georgia, Treasure Family Services, Trinity J and D LLC, True Unity Mentoring Inc, Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc., United Way of Central Georgia, Uniting Hope 4 Children, Upward Progression Inc, VOASE/The Millenium Center, Wayne Behavioral Health Services, LLC, Weekshouse Inc, Wellroot Family Services, West Georgia Counseling and Assessment Services, Westcare Georgia, WinShape Homes, Woodruff & Whitehead Foundations, Youth Empowerment Success Services, Zion Foundation, Blem Inc, CHOA, Restoration Rome

What potential services will the group be considering as we work on the list of recommended services?

Family First services must be chosen from among the evidence-based practices (EBP's) rated on the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse at <https://preventionservices.abtsites.com/>.

Services are rated on the Clearinghouse as well-supported, supported, promising, or does not currently meet criteria. The initial implementation of Family First in Georgia will focus on well-supported services.

How will this group go about reviewing & recommending services?

Each service under consideration will be rated on multiple criteria related to fit and feasibility. Fit refers to how well the service would meet the needs of families, children and youth in the population to be served, and feasibility refers to the level of effort that would be required to implement/bring the service up to scale.

Prior to each group meeting, the Family First team along with Chapin Hall will do an in-depth review of relevant data and use the information from that review to assign a criteria rating to each service. The data, ratings, and thought process behind each rating will then be presented to the workgroup at meetings. Workgroup members will give their feedback on service ratings using interactive, in-meeting polls.

The ratings and member feedback will be used to create a list of recommended services that will then be reviewed and validated by the group.

How is this workgroup related to implementation of Family First Services?

This workgroup is undertaking a process to inform recommendations for Family First EBPs for Georgia's Title IV-E Prevention Plan. The implementation, procurement and contracting

processes are completely separate. Participation in this workgroup has no influence on future contracting opportunities. We appreciate the shared expertise of our partners to assist the state in selecting services that will benefit children and families.

How do group homes fit into Family First services?

The federal legislation specifies that Family First EBP's are for children and youth who are at imminent risk of coming into foster care, which in Georgia we are defining as children and youth being served in Family Preservation. Because they are being served in Family Preservation and not foster care, these children and youth will not be group home residents.

Will EBP's be evaluated through an anti-discrimination lens? Can the chosen EBP's be modified to fit the needs of particular populations/subpopulations?

Much of the available literature focuses on EBP support and effectiveness across cultural and racial groups. The Family First team, Chapin Hall, and the workgroup do seek to evaluate EBP's through the broadest possible anti-discrimination lens possible, and recommending EBP's to fit the very diverse population to be served.

Because Family First EBP's must be chosen from among those rated on the Clearinghouse, any modifications must be part of a model version that is rated on the Clearinghouse.