FFY2022 CJA Grantees

Grantee	Project	Objective	Contact
Cherokee Child Advocacy Council, Inc.	ChildFirst Georgia Forensic Interview Training Program	To provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary training on forensic interviewing, including Basic, Advanced, and Expanded Interviews	Amy Economopoulos amye@cherokeechildadvocates.org
Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia, Inc.	One Team Conference	To support 14 th annual multidisciplinary conference for professional disciplines involved in response to, investigation, and prosecution of cases involving child abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, and sexual exploitation	Tracy Lewis-Martin tlmartin@cacga.org
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children	Georgia Child Protection Medical Network	To expand and support access for communities that lack expert medical resources to network of medical providers who are available to provide medical evaluations to suspected victims of maltreatment at the request of the Division of Family and Children's Services (DFCS)	Angela Boy Angela.boy@choa.org
Division of Family and Children Services, Legal Services	Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAG) Training	To provide additional professional development and networking opportunities for attorneys representing the agency in dependency cases	Chris Hemphling Chris.hemphling@dhs.ga.gov
Emory University School of Law	Emory Summer Child Advocacy Program (ESCAP)	To provide student interns with a hands-on learning opportunity in the field of child advocacy, and to provide additional resources and support to child advocacy professionals in Georgia with the time, talent, and energy of student interns for ten weeks during the summer	Melissa D. Carter Melissa.d.carter@emory.edu
Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.	Strengthening Best Interests Advocacy	To deliver advanced training for staff and CASA volunteers; conduct on-site court visits to connect training to practice; conduct on-site consultation and support with the local advocacy and training teams; and develop and disseminate hearing and quick-reference guides	Angela Tanzella-Tyner atyner@gacasa.org
Habersham County Sheriff's Office	Habersham County Special Victims Unit Patrol Task Force	To develop and implement training on recognizing and responding to incidents of physical abuse, and/or suspected sexual abuse or sexual exploitation for school resource officers and local law enforcement	Murray Kogod mkogod@habershamga.com
Office of the Child Advocate	The Summit, Georgia's Child Welfare Conference	To promote sharing of information on child protection law, policy, and practice among DFCS staff, judges, attorneys, law enforcement, child fatality review committees, healthcare personnel, and other child welfare stakeholders; acknowledge encourage and celebrate front-line caseworkers; and facilitate networking among child welfare professionals	Jerry Bruce jbruce@oca.ga.gov
	Chatham Quality Legal Representation Pilot	To promote quality of legal representation in dependency court by creating a multi-disciplinary children's law office in Chatham County and providing support through training and technical assistance. It will evaluate the impacting of a different employment model and legal strategies designed to expedite permanency	
	GAL Training	To update Guardian ad Litem core training a comprehensive core curriculum for new and current professionals working with dependency cases	