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# Family Support

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The Georgia Family Support Network (GFSN) is a network of state, county, and community organizations dedicated to strengthening practices and policies that champion quality family support across our state. This network encourages members to work in partnership with families to implement evidence-based and best practice programs that build the 5 Protective Factors of the Strengthening Families Approach. Member organizations benefit from networking, access to tools, resources and potential funding, and additional training and professional development for staff.

## Vision Statement

***The vision of the Georgia Family Support Network is a state in which every family is thriving and has access to a strong and effective family support and strengthening network.***

## Mission Statement

***The mission of the GFSN is to leverage state, county and community networks to strengthen practices and policies that champion quality family support.***

## 5 Protective Factors of the Strengthening Families Approach:

1. Parental Resilience
2. Social Connections
3. Concrete Support in Times of Need
4. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development,
5. Social and Emotional Competence of Children.

## Strategies for Building Protective Factors

- Facilitate friendships and mutual support
- Strengthen parenting
- Respond to family crises
- Link families to services and opportunities
- Value and support parents
- Facilitate the social and emotional development of children
- Observe and respond to early warning signs of child abuse or neglect.



Standards of Quality  
for Family Strengthening  
& Support

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<https://tinyurl.com/GFSNmember>

# Why Become a Member?

The Georgia Family Support Network membership consists of agencies, groups, or individuals that work to develop community-based family support and primary prevention services for all families. Leverage membership to:

- Market valuable services, programs and activities to families,
- Boost the organization's credibility with families, community partners and potential funders and be included in the resource map,
- Identify potential funding opportunities that align with family support strategies,
- Get introduced to and learn from other programs and organizations across the state and country,
- Support families with evidence-based and best practice programs and services,
- Identify program gaps and collaborate with other organizations in the network to improve collective impact,
- Access high quality training for staff, and
- Align with the state's child abuse prevention plan.

## Our Goals :

1. Georgia network members are connected and supported to enhance their effectiveness.
2. Family Support best practices are fully implemented across Georgia.
3. The value and impact of the state Family Support and Strengthening network is highly visible and leads to increased support for families in Georgia.

## Our Objectives:

1. Increase the number of organizations implementing the national Family Support and Strengthening Standards.
2. Increase the number of local and state policy makers, funders and communities who understand the value and impact of the Family Support Network and are investing or directing resources to organizations implementing the national standards.
3. Increase the number of families who are supported by high quality Family Support programs and services.



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**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

**Step #1: visit our website at <https://tinyurl.com/GFSNmember>**

**Step # 2: Request a Standards Training**

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For more information about the National Family Support Network :  
<https://www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org/standards-of-quality>