



HOPE

Why Hope for Georgia?

In 2015

465,000

children under 18 had uncertainty about whether they would have food.*

OVER 15,000

children will not sleep in their own beds tonight.**

ONLY 11%

of foster youth graduate from high school each year.**

163,000 CHILDREN

have come to the attention of child welfare officials annually.**

What is the State of Hope?

The State of Hope is an inclusive network that provides welcoming opportunities for youth, families and supporters to create a better quality of life for Georgians by leveraging the collective wisdom of communities. The State of Hope seeks to activate nonprofits, philanthropies, government, businesses and communities to collaborate closely to build local safety nets that will prevent conditions that contribute to disparities in education, threaten a family's self-sufficiency and could lead to child abuse and neglect.



Promoting community decision making

Supporting community leaders



Building on community strengths

Shining a light on positive community collaboration



Opportunities for Hope

The State of Hope focuses on four priority areas that are believed to have the greatest impact on keeping children safe, strengthening families and empowering communities. Applications for potential State of Hope projects are encouraged to focus on one or more of these opportunity areas.

EDUCATION



Develop children and youth who are ready for life

TRAUMA-INFORMED



Build communities that are trauma-informed and responsive

QUALITY CAREGIVING



Provide stable relationships through supported and responsive caregivers

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY



Strengthen and support individuals and families to achieve independence

*Source: KIDS COUNT Data Center: A Project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Updated as of February 2018.

**Source: Georgia Division of Family and Children Services. Data reflected as of May 2018.

Everyone can be a hope-giver!

Individuals or groups who want to be a part of the State of Hope should visit our website to apply for their projects to be designated as State of Hope sites. Three to five sites across the state will be selected to receive seed funding and technical assistance; however, all applicants will be invited to participate as part of the "Hope Ecosystem" – a network for building partnerships, sharing ideas and accessing resources.

We invite you to begin your journey toward a State of Hope. Visit our website to learn more and then connect with at least one partner and/or community member to talk about State of Hope, the application and possible opportunities.

Think about how you can support State of Hope!

Email StateofHope@dhs.ga.gov if you have any questions or ideas you want to share with us!

What makes State of Hope different?

State of Hope uses a creative approach toward problem solving. This approach, known as human-centered design, involves keeping the people you are designing for at the center of the process. State of Hope also incorporates the voices of youth and communities in tailoring solutions that meet their unique needs.

How can i get involved and apply?



..... Click here to apply now!

Learn more at:
dfcs.georgia.gov/state-hope

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