



## DFCS TO UPDATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INTAKE PROCESS

The Georgia Department of Family and Children Services is updating the intake process for reporting child abuse and neglect. In the past, local reports of abuse and neglect were made to local county offices, but soon anyone making a report will be able to do so by dialing 1-855-GACHILD.

The new round-the-clock intake system will be implemented over five months, with Fulton County, Dekalb County, and parts of the Columbus area as the first parts of the state having received access beginning in mid-September. To begin with, it will still be possible to call county offices to make reports, but those numbers will eventually be forwarded to the new statewide intake number. The new statewide intake system will help streamline the intake process for CPS and ensure a uniform response from local DFCS offices.

### WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

We want to hear from you! Please send us any recent news or activities from your community to include in our next newsletter.

E-mail items to: [jneighbors@gsu.edu](mailto:jneighbors@gsu.edu)

## PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION— ORDER NOW!

Even though it is only the beginning of Fall, we are already thinking about Spring 2014. If you or your agency would like to use the official PCA pinwheels in April, we are accepting pre-orders now.

Please let us know how many you would like and we can place pre-orders beginning the week of October 28. PCA Georgia will be able to offer a discount on large quantities. Contact Julia Neighbors at [jneighbors@gsu.edu](mailto:jneighbors@gsu.edu) for more information about ordering pinwheels.



## PCA GEORGIA TRAINS BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF METRO ATLANTA

On Thursday October 10, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta hosted PCA Georgia for a staff training on issues surrounding child abuse and neglect in the state. The workshop focused on updates to Georgia's mandated reporter laws, the effects of toxic stress on children's development, and how to build community protective factors. Overall, 22 members of the organization's match team were trained.

If you are interested in a similar training for your agency or organization, please contact Julia Neighbors for more information at [jneighbors@gsu.edu](mailto:jneighbors@gsu.edu)

For more information about upcoming trainings and webinars, please visit our website at [www.preventchildabusega.org](http://www.preventchildabusega.org).

## NEWS FROM PCA AMERICA

PCA America has recently released information about how to support National Bullying Prevention Month. [To view the post, click here.](#) In addition, you can also take a moment to read "[We all have a voice,](#)" which focuses on how public policy can better support children and families. For more updates about current issues in child abuse and neglect prevention, follow PCA America's blog at [preventchildabuseamerica.blogspot.com](http://preventchildabuseamerica.blogspot.com).

Please remember that PCA America has an entire portion of their website dedicated to child abuse and neglect statistics and facts. [Click here to access the page.](#)

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## RESOURCES AND TRAINING

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** “Understanding Evidence,” a free online training course is available [by clicking here](#). Participants will learn how to use research evidence, contextual evidence, and experiential evidence to determine what prevention programs and practices are most suited to their organization.

**Children’s Advocacy Centers of Georgia:** “The 7th Annual World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse Conference.” Thursday **November 21, 2013**. [Click here to view a flyer](#) with more information.

**Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and the Governor’s Office for Children and Families:** FREE Webinars covering a range of topics related to child welfare, including child sex trafficking and bullying prevention. Upcoming trainings include “Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse in Georgia: Your role in recognizing and responding to suspicion of maltreatment” on **October 30** and **December 10, 2013**. [Register today](#). [To view and register for these online trainings, click here](#). Also [click here](#) to view information about their Free Online Training Series for Georgia Healthcare Professionals on Child Sex Trafficking.

**Darkness to Light:** View a list of upcoming Stewards of Children Child Sexual Abuse Prevention trainings [by clicking here](#).

**Georgia Association for Positive Behavior Support:** 6th Annual GAPBS Conference 2013, “Embracing a Multi-Tiered System of Support: Home, School, & Community.” Presented in collaboration with the Center for Leadership in Disability at Georgia State University and the Georgia Department of Education. **December 4-5** at Georgia State University. [Click here to view registration information](#).

**Georgia Association of Homes & Services for Children :** Georgia Conference on Children and Families, **November 13 and 14** at Hilton Atlanta Marietta Hotel & Conference Center. [To view the brochure, click here](#). For information about registration, [click here](#).

**Georgia Children’s Advocacy Network:** “Bullying: What it is and what to do about it” **October 29 at 2 p.m.** in the Blue Room at the Freight Depot, 65 Martin Luther King Junior Drive Southeast Atlanta, GA 30312. Panelists include representatives from Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, Georgia Department of Education, Georgia State University, and more. [To register, click here](#).

**Governor’s Office for Children and Families:** FREE Online Mandated Reporter Training. [Click here to access](#). Also, take advantage of the new FREE online training “**Safe Sleep for Georgia Babies**” [by clicking here](#).

**Institute of Medicine:** “Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect” is an easy to understand infographic with details about the impact of child maltreatment in the United States. Click here to view. For more information, [visit the Institute of Medicine’s website](#).

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:** “The Truth About ACEs.” Take a moment to view this infographic that illustrates the impact of adverse childhood experiences on long-term health outcomes. [Click here to view](#).

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