



PREVENTION AND
COMMUNITY SUPPORT SECTION

Accepting Applications for Georgia Parent Advisory Council

Join the Georgia Parent Advisory Council

We are inviting applications from parents who have a strong interest in joining the Georgia Parent Advisory Council. The council will work with the Prevention and Community Support

Section (PCS) within the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) to help expand meaningful partnerships between parents and staff throughout the system. PCS is committed to promoting the voices of parents throughout its work to strengthen families, engage communities in child maltreatment and adolescent pregnancy prevention strategies and reduce the need for out-of-home placement of Georgia's children.

The roles of the Georgia Parent Advisory Council members are to:

- Advise PCS about prevention strategies provided in the community to families before they interact with the child welfare system.

- Serve as a representative voice for parents in promoting positive changes in services and practices that strengthen families and help keep them safely together.
- Advise PCS on developing meaningful roles in various department service areas.
- Develop resources to assist PCS staff in creating supportive, strengths-based strategies in their work with parents and families.
- Promote and support implementation of the protective factors framework.
- Serve in various other roles based on the emerging needs of DCFS and PCS such as co-trainers, public speakers, reviewers of funding proposals, contributors to written materials.



Application Process

Nominate a Parent Today!

Members of the Council are nominated by a DFCS representative, a community-based service provider or other stakeholder with professional connections to parents. You can view a full parent council membership description under the PCS initiatives at <https://dfcs.georgia.gov/initiatives>.

We are inviting nominations of interested parents who have had prior involvement in the child welfare system or experiences using community-based prevention services. If involved with the child welfare system, their case must be closed a minimum of 8–12 months. If applicable, parents in recovery must be sober for at least 12 months prior to applying.



All candidates must complete an application form. **The deadline for submitting applications is April 12, 2019.** Applications may be submitted online at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eg3rlewajs3bi6z5/a005js40dhpu/greeting> or in writing to:

Applications
Due
April 12

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If you need an application form for a parent you wish to nominate or have any questions, please contact Lindsey Dale, Program Specialist, at Lindsey.Dale@dhs.ga.gov.