

# Day 1 AGENDA

Georgia Conference on  
Child Abuse & Neglect

FROM PREVENTION TO INTERVENTION

# G A C C A N 2 0 2 2

**8:30– 9:25 a.m.**

## **Welcome & Opening Plenary**

**Opening Plenary**

Jennifer Stein, MBA – Prevent Child Abuse Georgia

Angie Boy, DrPH – Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children

**Award**

Mark Chaffin Community Award Presentation

**9:30– 10:30 a.m.**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Morning Workshops (2 Options)**

**Child & Adolescent Mental Health & Resilience**

This workshop will provide a basic overview of mental health including prevalence among children & adolescents, most common diagnoses, and treatment options. Presenter Tina Niziurski will also discuss how mental health is related to resilience and discuss the five skills of resilience. Participants will also learn what positive mental health is and learn tools to achieving positive mental health.

**Reconsidering Neglect – How a Thoughtful Assessment, Diagnosis & Management Can Change Outcomes**

In this lecture, Dr. Emmanuel Peña of CHOA will describe the various types of neglect based on medical and legal definitions. Additionally, it will expand on epidemiology, risk factors based on age, and objective ways to diagnose this complex entity. The spectrum of nutritional neglect will be presented as the basis for covering key aspects needed in the documentation of neglect cases, which will assist the professional in developing an awareness of best practice guidelines and determine a threshold for reporting to the Department of Children and Families.

**10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Workshops (2 Options)**

**Supporting the Mental Health of Infants, Young Children, and Families in Georgia**

Infants and children who experience abuse, neglect and other forms of trauma are at risk for mental health challenges. This presentation will describe the range of new infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) resources available to Georgia's families and to Georgia's early childhood workforce. This cross-sector team of presenters will share IECMH resources from state agencies, universities, and community non-profits.

**Creating a Culture of LGBTQI+ Affirming Care**

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) youth have limited safe spaces in their daily lives and experience an almost constant threat from societal stigma and discrimination. LGBTQI+ affirming care is essential to preventing trauma and fostering healing of LGBTQI+ youth. This session will guide providers in developing strategies to meaningfully support and engage LGBTQI+ youth and their families.

**12:00 p.m.- 12:45 p.m.**

## **Sponsors Networking Session**

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An opportunity to meet with our conference Sponsors to learn more about their services and

**Engagement**

resource and a change to engage with them with your questions! Joining us this year is:

**ProSolutions Training, AmeriHealth Caritas Georgia, Child Welfare Information Gateway, Amerigroup & Child Welfare Training Collaborative**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

## **Day 1 Keynote**

**Trauma & ACEs**

Dr. Stan Sonu is an Assistant professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine and the Associate Program Director for the Emory J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency program at Grady Health System. This keynote will help professionals advocate and communicate in ways that improve public understanding of difficult social problems and build support for policy and systems change.

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**Georgia Department of Human Services**  
Division of Family & Children Services

# Day 2 AGENDA

Be the  
Village

8:30– 9:25 a.m.

## Opening Plenary

**Mandated Reporter Panel:  
Special Topics in Reporting**

State experts discuss common misunderstandings regarding mandated reporting and best practices to ensure the safety of children in Georgia.

9:30– 10:30 a.m.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Morning Workshops (2 Options)

**The Importance of Parent  
Partnerships**

A panel of PCS staff and GA-PAC members will provide a general introduction to the Georgia Parent Advisory Council, the PAC's role in informing the Division of Family and Children Services, and the PAC's role in providing input into the array of child abuse and neglect prevention activities for Georgia. We will discuss the importance of genuine parent partnership, such as Parent Cafes, and how helping to promote parent leadership is key to prevention.

**Keeping Children Safe  
in a Digital World**

This presentation encourages professionals to learn about the different types of technology kids use and how they use them. By the end of this session, participants will be able to recognize at least four social media apps, define cyberbullying and identify steps they can take to protect kids from online risks.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Workshops (Options)

**Preventing Child Sexual  
Abuse in Youth Serving  
Organizations**

This workshop describes a CDC Foundation led collaborative effort with CDC's Division of Violence Prevention to update CDC's 2007 publication, Preventing Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Within Youth-serving Organizations (YSO): Getting Started on Policies and Procedures.

**Understanding the  
Implications of Georgia's  
Mental Health Parity Act**

Participants will leave this workshop with a better understanding of the provisions in Georgia's new Mental Health Parity Act (MHPA) and how they might affect work related to Georgia's Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Plan (CANPP)

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

## Resource "Hour"

**Find Help Georgia:  
A Virtual Resource Hub**

It takes parents, caregivers, and supportive RESOURCES to help children thrive. As professionals you know parents are often in complex situations and need professional and community support. This session explores barriers to meeting families' basic needs and linking families to resources through concrete support through FindHelpGA.org.

**Connections Matter**

Everyday connections are critical in building resilience. This session will feature new trainings geared toward parents that is available through Connections Matter Georgia, an ACEs prevention and awareness initiative in the state.

1:00 p.m.– 2 p.m.

## Day 2 Keynote

**Parent Nation**

"Parent Nation" offers a powerful blueprint for a society that helps all families meet the developmental needs of their children. Weaving together the latest science on the developing brain with stories of families from all walks of life, our Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Dana Suskind** shows that the status quo—scores of parents left to shoulder the enormous responsibility of early childhood care and education on their own—is not only unsustainable, but deeply detrimental to children, families, and society.

# Keynotes

## September 14: Trauma and ACEs

### Stan Sonu, MD, MPH

The opening Keynote will feature Dr. Stan Sonu, Assistant professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine and the Associate Program Director for the Emory J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency program at Grady Health System. His research interests include adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), trauma-informed care, advancing health equity, and addressing social determinants of health in clinical care settings. He is a passionate ACEs educator and is engaged in efforts to build community consensus around responding to and preventing ACEs through cross-sector approaches.



This keynote will help professionals advocate and communicate in ways that improve public understanding of difficult social problems and build support for policy and systems change.

## September 15: Parent Nation

### Dana Suskind, MD

Dr. Suskind has dedicated her research and clinical life to optimizing foundational brain development and preventing early cognitive disparities and their lifelong impact. Her work is focused on helping parents leverage their power as brain architects. Dr. Suskind is the author of “Parent Nation: Unlocking Every Child’s Potential, Fulfilling Society’s Promise” and “Thirty Million Words: Building a Child’s the Founder and Co-Director of the TMW Center for Early Learning + Public Health and a Professor at the University of Chicago. Her work has been profiled by numerous media outlets, including the New York Times, The Economist, Forbes, NPR, and Freakonomics.



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# Mark Chaffin Community Award

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## Holly Rice

**“She is respected in the local area as a dynamic, passionate, caring leader. She does not ask her staff to do anything that she herself is not willing to do. Her integrity and drive to serve families is beyond reproach.”**



Holly Rice, Executive Director of the Family Support Council in Dalton, GA entered the world of child abuse prevention in 1998 when she took the helm of the Northwest Georgia Council on Child Abuse. She had previously been involved in the community with teen parents and was aware that many of them had been sexually abused. She took on an agency that was struggling in the late 80s with only a few dedicated people planning at a kitchen table, and after hard work and dedication was ready for new leadership. Holly took the reins with quiet passion bringing together two other community agencies under the child abuse council umbrella. Because of the varied needs of each component of the recreated agency, the Family Support Council became the new name with child abuse prevention at the forefront. As director, she has led the agency and the community in the prevention of child abuse for almost 25 years. She is known across the state, as well as the local community as a person who stops at nothing when children need to be nurtured and protected. She leads a staff of 37 and (7) different programs. Holly is well-known and respected in the community for her passion about child abuse and her integrity, dependability and willingness to do anything that she expects of her staff.

# Mark Chaffin Impact Award

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## Dr. Terri McFadden

**“Dr. McFadden works tirelessly as a pediatrician to ensure her patients and their families receive the best care possible.”**



Dr. McFadden is a General Pediatrician and a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics of the Emory University School of Medicine. She serves as Medical Director of Primary Care at the Hughes Spalding campus of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta where she sees patients and teaches medical students, pediatric residents and allied health students. She is also responsible for primary care initiatives of the Emory Department of Pediatrics PARTNERS for Equity in Child and Adolescent Health (PARTNERS). Dr. McFadden recognized early the impact Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) could have on the pediatric population and developed a screening program that is used in the primary clinic at Hughes Spalding. This screening allows the patient care team to identify potential stressors in a family's life and work to ensure patients and families are connected to community resources. Dr. McFadden has served with a variety of state and national organizations focused on the health and safety of children including serving as president of the GA-American Academy of Pediatrics and Co- Medical Director of the Injury Free Coalition for Kids (IFCK)-Atlanta childhood injury prevention program. Dr. McFadden is a true champion for children and families in Georgia.

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### **Georgia State Child Welfare Training Collaborative**

The Georgia State University School of Social Work Professional Excellence Program Child Welfare Training Collaborative (CWTC) offers training to community partners (e.g. public child welfare, law enforcement, placement providers, early care and learning, K-12 education, behavioral and physical health, juvenile courts, and other community and government organizations) throughout the state of Georgia. Bringing everyone to the same table creates an opportunity for community partners to have a shared understanding of issues facing children and families and also strengthens collaborations to promote better outcomes for Georgia's children.

<https://peprogram.gsu.edu/programs/child-welfare-training-collaborative>



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# Conference Organizers

**Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Georgia** is housed at Georgia State University's School of Public Health in the Mark Chaffin Center for Healthy Development. PCA Georgia's mission is to work towards the healthy development of children statewide recognizing that strong families are the building block for community development. As one of the leaders of the Georgia Essentials team, they engage partners to create safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for children and are facilitating the regional implementation of Georgia's Child Abuse Prevention Plan with DFCS' Prevention and Community Support Section. Additionally, PCA Georgia connects families to concrete supports through FindHelpGA.org, and provides training /resources on protective factors that prevent child abuse and neglect and strengthen families.

**For more information on PCA Georgia's programs visit: [www.PCAGeorgia.org](http://www.PCAGeorgia.org).**

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**The Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children** at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, a service of Children's at Scottish Rite and Children's at Hughes Spalding hospitals, promotes the safety and well-being of children through advocacy in the community and the identification, behavioral health assessment and counseling, and prevention of child abuse. The Center for Safe and Healthy Children is a child advocacy center that provides comprehensive medical and forensic evaluations, behavioral health assessments and counseling, and professional trainings in a safe, child-friendly environment by a team of professionals who have extensive pediatric experience.

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