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## ANNUAL REPORT

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Strengthening Families Georgia (SFG) helps instill the foundational framework of the Five Protective Factors into programs that serve families throughout the state.

## PROTECTIVE FACTORS

Parental Resilience | Social Connections | Concrete Supports in Times of Need  
Knowledge of Child Development | Social and Emotional Competence in Children

## TRAINING ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Protective Factors Training  
**754** Individuals Trained



SFG Train the Trainer (TOT)  
**31** Professionals Trained



SFG's Self Paced Online Trainings  
**16,343** Individuals Trained

### Trainee's testimony:

**"It encourages more in-depth discussions regarding social networks with our families to build a sense of connectivity."**

## PROMOTING PROTECTIVE FACTORS

The SFG Initiative is designed to influence communication about and the incorporation of Protective Factors throughout partners' internal work and external communication. The SFG Partner Survey asks partners to share their work focused on promoting the Protective Factors.

- Over **83%** reported some type of promotion of SFG and Protective Factors
- **67%** reported sharing SFG-related resources such as newsletters, emails, and websites
- **50%** reported they developed their own SFG promotion resources and materials

Strengthening Families Georgia (SFG) represents a multi-disciplinary statewide partnership dedicated to embedding five research-based Protective Factors into services and supports for children and their families. SFG is housed at Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Georgia, at Georgia State University.





# Community Cafés

Connections for Parents and Caregivers

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## SUPPORTING GEORGIA'S CAREGIVERS THROUGH PROTECTIVE FACTORS

### Community Cafés: Learn with and from Other Caregivers

Community Cafés offer a place for caregivers to find support and connect with others.

Caregivers need people who understand and will listen, discuss problems, give meaningful advice, or simply to care.

### 2022 Community Café Highlights

- Created a new Community Café curriculum for in-person and virtual cafés
- Partnered with the Department of Public Health, Injury Prevention Program, to offer Community Cafés in counties experiencing high rates poor mental health
- Provided training to **100 facilitators** at no charge
- Conducted needs assessment survey to improve the Café model implementation

**“A mom shared she was having difficulty with her son but through better understanding of the Protective Factors coupled with milestones, she is now responding better with her son. This has also caused her son to seek her out more, just be nearby.”**

**- Community Café Facilitator**

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



**8** Newsletters to over  
**700** supporters



**Presenting at the Head Start Georgia Conference**



**Network & Collaboration**  
among **50** partner agencies