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Georgia Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect From Prevention to Intervention



September 14, 2023, Peachtree City

Conference Schedule

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Child Abuse & Neglect
FROM PREVENTION TO INTERVENTION
#GACCAN2023

6– 7 a.m. **Sunrise Yoga**

7:30– 8:30 a.m. **Registration Opens**

Registration Opens, Breakfast, Networking, Exhibitor and Resources

8:30– 9:30 a.m. **Welcome & Opening Plenary**

Welcome

Jennifer Stein, MBA - Prevent Child Abuse Georgia
Angie Boy, DrPH - Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children
Tiffany Sawyer- Georgia Center for Child Advocacy

Award

Mark Chaffin Community Award Presentation

Opening Plenary

Balancing ACEs with HOPE ([VIEW SLIDES](#))

Jennifer Jones serves as the Chief Strategy Officer at Prevent Child Abuse America (PCA America) where she develops, implements, and advocates for an integrated strategic framework to help grow PCA America's leadership role consistent with national prevention priorities, and serves as the lead on regional and national strategic partnerships.



Rachel Hanson the Project Director for a maternal health and infant/early childhood mental health grant at Centerstone of Tennessee. Rachel has a large focus for collective impact in the community in order to address gaps and disparities that impact families and community members.



9:45– 11 a.m. **1st Morning Workshops (4 Options)**

Balancing Aces with HOPE (Plenary Continuation)

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Jennifer Jones, MSW, Chief Strategy Officer, Prevent Child Abuse America;
Dr. Sarah Bacon, Senior Advisor on Adverse Childhood Experiences, Office of Strategy and Innovation
Rachel Hanson, Project Director Federal Healthy Start Tennessee, Centerstone of Tennessee Inc.

When Home is Where the Hurt Is: An Exploration of Family Facilitated CSEC

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Naeshia McDowell, CSEC Response Team Director, Children Advocacy Centers of Georgia

Empowering Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Through Multidisciplinary Collaboration

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Patricia R. Lawrence, PhD, RN, PNP; Director of Project Healthy Grandparents and Assistant Clinical Professor at GSU
Benasha Shine-Berry, LMSW, Assistant Director of Project Healthy Grandparents

Peer Support: Finding & Utilizing Peer Support in Child Welfare

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Lindsey Dale, PCS Program Specialist, GA Division of Family and Children Services
Georgia Parent Advisory Council Members: Erin Thomas, Colleen Puckett, Karina Garrison, Janeen Brown, and Elena Evans

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11:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. 2nd Morning Workshops (4 Options)

TARG 2.0: Reviewing Evidence-Based Sexual Abuse Prevention Education

Tiffany Sawyer, Director of Prevention and Education, Georgia Center for Child Advocacy
Angie Boy, DrPH, Program Manager, Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Michelle Anderson, Volunteer, Former Georgia Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator

Help for the Helper: Strategies for Managing Work-Related Trauma Exposure

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Debra Ross, Georgia State University School of Social Work Child Welfare Training Collaborative

Connecting Caregivers to Support through Find Help Georgia

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Kimberly Stewart-Lucas, Training and Resource Coordinator, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia

Strong4Life - Building Resilience in Youth

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Lauren Gordon, LPC, CPCS, RDT, Wellness Program Coordinator, Behavioral Health Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Rachel Whaley, Wellness Program Coordinator, Behavioral Mental Health Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

12:30– 1:30 p.m. Lunch

Peachtree Ballroom

1:45 – 3 p.m. 1st Afternoon Workshops (4 Options)

Youth on Youth Problematic Sexual Behaviors

Alex Cory, Trauma-Informed Education Coordinator, Georgia Center for Child Advocacy

Vulnerable Child Syndrome

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Dr. Emmanuel Peña, Child Abuse Pediatrician at the Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Approaches to Family Engagement: Community Cafés

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Kendra Cole, MPA, Strengthening Families Georgia Coordinator, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia

Silenced Needs: Strengthening Families through Understanding the Language of Behavior

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Dr. Onnie Poe, CEO, Filling in the GAPS LLC

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Snacks

Outside of workshop rooms

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3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 2nd Afternoon Workshops (4 Options)

Motherhood Beyond Bars: Supporting Families Impacted by Maternal Incarceration

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Amy Ard, Executive Director of Motherhood Beyond Bars

Connecting Caregivers with Legal Remedies and Resources After Trauma

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Jacqueline L. Payne, J.D., Managing Attorney, Kinship Care Project

Kate M. Gaffney, J.D., Senior Attorney, Kinship Care Project, Atlanta Legal Aid Society

Lessons Learned from the CHRIS 180 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Project

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Kathy Brown-Bragg, MSW, LCSW, MAC, Project Director, New Generation, Infant Early Childhood Mental Health

Jenn Ballentine, MPH, Evaluator, New Generation President, Highland Nonprofit Consulting

Why do children experience maltreatment? Understanding Risk & Protective Factors

Sallie Starrett, Brightpaths, Prevent Child Abuse Athens CEO

Mark Chaffin Award Recipients

Kathy Brown-Bragg

Kathy has decades of experience in the behavioral health field and is a nationally recognized Child Parent Psychotherapist, Circle of Security Facilitator, Advanced Perinatal Mental Health Psychotherapist, and Certified Grief Counselor. Kathy has worked in federally funded community health centers, hospitals, and university settings for over twenty years with young children, adolescents, and adults.

In her current role, Kathy's leadership and supervision allow teams to connect with families, work to strengthen parenting skills, better equip caregivers, provide individualized community-based support services focused on family strengths, and provide classroom support.



**Kathy Brown-Bragg,
MSW, LCSW, MAC
Project Director, New
Generation Program, CHRIS 180**

Steve Collins

Steve Collins is the founder and president of Adults Protecting Children, Inc., a non-profit committed to helping adults and organizations diminish risk factors that make children vulnerable to abuse. Before retiring in 2022, Steve served for 12 years as the Region 2 Coordinator for the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy Center.

His efforts resulted in over 30,000 individuals trained and he has personally trained over 6,000 individuals in abuse prevention education nationally and internationally. Steve has also extensively worked with faith communities to develop child protection policies and procedures and a plan for implementing training.



**Steve Collins
Founder and President
Adults Protecting Children, Inc**

Conference Organizers

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Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Georgia works to prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and inspiring action through education, awareness and advocacy. PCA Georgia connects families to concrete supports through FindHelpGA.org and provides training on protective factors that prevent child abuse and neglect and strengthen families.

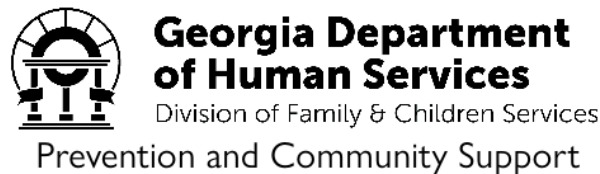


www.PCAGeorgia.org.

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, behavioral health assessment, counseling, and prevention of child abuse. The Center is a child advocacy center that provides care in a child-friendly environment by a team of professionals who have extensive pediatric experience. www.choa.org/cpc



Georgia Center for Child Advocacy's mission is to champion the needs of sexually and severely physically abused children through prevention, intervention, therapy, and collaboration. Through a collaborative effort to promote healthy outcomes in Georgia, GCCA equips adults and youth with awareness, prevention education, and resources to take action. GeorgiaCenterForChildAdvocacy.org



Conference Evaluations & CEUs

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Send CEU questions to CPCTraining@choa.org.

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