



GEORGIA DFCS NOW RELEASING QUARTERLY CHILD DEATH ANALYSIS

The Georgia Department of Family and Children Services is now distributing quarterly summaries of child deaths in an effort to monitor trends in child fatalities in the state and implement preventative measures. The current report examines causes of 150 child deaths that occurred from January 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012.

In addition to an analysis of child fatalities during the first 3 quarters of the year, the report also includes information about public awareness and prevention campaigns that DFCS is implementing to decrease child abuse and neglect in the state.

To read the report, [please click here](#).

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.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY PREVENT CHILD ABUSE GEORGIA!

It's hard to believe, but Prevent Child Abuse Georgia just celebrated its first anniversary. We are grateful for the support of all the local councils and advocates who helped bring back PCA Georgia. With your help, we exceeded all of the benchmarks put forth in our contract with the Governor's Office for Children and Families (GOCF) and we are thrilled to report that GOCF has agreed to fund us again for year two (2012-2013). Thank you!



RECENT NEWS AND EVENTS

- PCA Georgia remains active in state committees focused on child welfare. This past month, Carol attended the State Child Fatality Review Panel, Strengthening Families GA meeting, and is now serving as a member of the Georgia Safe Sleep Coalition.
- The PCA Georgia Advisory board met on October 30 to review our strategic plan, discuss priorities for Year 2, and create committee-based work groups. (We still seek representation outside of the Atlanta area.)
- In partnership with the Interfaith Children's Movement, PCA Georgia provided Mandated Reporter training on November 7th. Megan Warley, Program Director at the Andrew P. Stewart Center, attended the training and commented, "While I anticipated learning about the law changes regarding mandatory reporting, I was pleasantly surprised by the training's additional focus on prevention strategies and protective factors. It provided me with essential information that I will use to better train our staff and improve our programs."
- The next Mandated Reporter training will be held on **November 20 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** at the United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur. [Click here for registration information.](#)
- The GSU Men's Basketball game on **November 26** at 7 pm will benefit PCA Georgia, raising public awareness and funds on campus. Come join us!



PCA Georgia Executive Director Conference Call

Monday November 19,

1:00 p.m. (day/time moved because of Thanksgiving holiday.)

- **Call-in number:** (559) 726-1000
- **Participant Access Code:** 824094#
- **Feature keys:** *3 – Exit the call
*4 – Instructions
*6 – Mute/Unmute your phone

RESOURCES AND TRAINING

Governor's Office for Children and Families: Free online mandated reporter training. Learn about indicators of child abuse and neglect and recent changes to mandated reporter laws in Georgia. [Access by clicking here.](#)

Safe Sleep: The Georgia Children's Cabinet, GOCF, the First Lady and the Dept. of Public Health launched the safe sleep campaign— releasing information for families and child advocates about creating safe sleep environments. View [tips for safe sleep here](#) and read general facts about [sleep-related child deaths here](#).

Voices for Georgia's Children: Georgia Children's Advocacy Network Panel Discussion: "Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health in Georgia: Understanding, Planning, Improving." Thursday, November 29, Logan Room, United Way Building. 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Panelists include representatives from five child-serving state agencies. [Click here to register.](#)

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta: Trainings in December will cover child abuse prevention, cultural competency, and information for medical professionals about the commercial sexual exploitation of children. For registration information, [please click here.](#)

Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia: Annual World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse Conference will be held in Kennesaw on Monday, Nov. 19th. Workshops will cover the forensic interview process, prevention of child sexual exploitation, changes to the state's mandated reporter laws, and much more. [Register here.](#)

Strengthening Families: October E-Update with information about evaluating protective factors and news from their national partners. [Click here to read.](#)

Georgia Department of Education: Parent Engagement Month 2012. Site includes materials in English and Spanish that promote family engagement in schools, including a calendar of daily activities for families. [Click here for more information.](#)

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont: PCA Vermont's current newsletter includes some helpful information about parenting with empathy. [Click here to access.](#) Please feel free to share this resource with families.

National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention: "Childhood Trauma and Its Effect on Healthy Development." Summary of toxic stress and its long-term effect on children's development. [View here.](#)

United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families: "Resources to Support Safe, Secure, Healthy Families." [Click here to view resource page.](#)



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