



CHILD ADVOCACY COMMUNITY NEWS



Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health in Georgia: Understanding, Planning, Improving

Join [Voices for Georgia's Children](#) and [Georgia Children's Advocacy Network \(GA-CAN!\)](#) members for our next panel discussion on Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health in Georgia: Understanding, Planning, Improving.

[Please register HERE.](#)

Event Details:

Thursday, November 29
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Loudermilk Conference Center
Amphitheater - 2nd Floor
40 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Panelists:

- Howard H. Hendley, Ed.D., Director, Policy Division, Department of Education
- Ursula M. Davis, MA, LPC, System of Care Section Director, Division of Family and Children Services
- Miguel Fernandez, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice
- Jennie Couture, Statewide Inclusion Coordinator, Department of Early Care and Learning
- Monica Saxby Parker, MA, LPC, Director, Community Mental Health, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities



Global Peace Convention 2012 *Atlanta*
November 29 - December 1, 2012

**Global Peace Convention, Nov 29 - Dec 2, 2012, Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, GA.**

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United Way of Greater Atlanta will host its fifth annual Coffee & Community Issues Breakfast — titled “Early Learning Impacts Us All: Georgia’s Children Need You.” This year’s breakfast will be held Dec. 6 from 8-10 a.m. at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center, 800 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, GA 30308. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

Keynote speaker will be Earl M. Phalen, CEO of Reach Out and Read and founder of Summer Advantage. Time Magazine says, “Phalen has become one of the country’s leading education reformers ...” Panelists include Erroll Davis, superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools; Gail Hayes, director at Annie E. Casey Foundation; Comer Yates, executive director, Atlanta Speech School; and moderator Dr. N. Jean Walker, United Way vice president of education.

The event will honor Elaine Draeger, president and CEO of Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers, for her legacy as she retires from 30 years of service. Also honored will be Bobby Cagle, commissioner of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) for Georgia Pre-K’s 20th year anniversary.

This event is open to the public. For more information, [click here](#) or call 404-527-8817.

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Division of Mental Health is pleased to announce **Working with Those Bereaved by Suicide**

Sessions will be offered on:
December 3, 2012 - Albany, GA

TO REGISTER NOW, CLICK THIS LINK
<http://www.cvent.com/d/zcgstg>
or copy and paste the link in your internet browser.



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GEORGIA AFTERSCHOOL &
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
**TOGETHER
TOWARDS
TOMORROW** CREATING
A UNIFIED
VISION
TO SERVE
GEORGIA'S
YOUTH
January 9 - 11, 2013
The Classic Center, Athens, GA

The Georgia Department of Education, Governor's Office for Children and Families, and Department of Human Services are hosting this conference to create a unified vision and ongoing support system for afterschool and youth service programs. For more information on the conference or to register, please [click here](#).



Introducing HOPE Partners in Policymaking

Students are invited to apply for the HOPE Partners in Policymaking program. Applications for the 2013 Capitol leadership internship are now being accepted.

Who Should Apply? Undergraduate students currently in their junior or senior year, law students, master's students in Political Science, Public Administration, or related fields are encouraged to apply. This is a great opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience in the legislative process.

To apply: Visit www.hope4ga.com and download the application. Space is limited. Application deadline is January 18, 2013.



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StreetGRACE News



Street GRACE 2013 Quarterly Meetings will be held on the following dates:

- January 10, 2013
- April 11, 2013
- July 11, 2013
- October 10, 2013



[PCA Georgia November Newsletter](#)

Path To Shine, November 2012 newsletter, [Click here](#) to read the newsletter.

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[New Study Drills Down on Poverty in Atlanta](#) - 11/2/2012 - [Atlanta Business Chronicle](#)

GBPI - [Georgia's Abuse of TANF Provision Gets Congressional Attention](#)
By Claire Richie



[State of Working Georgia 2012](#)
[The Fifth Poorest State Needs to Step Up](#)
[STATEMENT: Georgia Should Move Forward with Health Reform](#)
[Medicaid Expansion Would Benefit Georgia Parents and Other Adults Without Insurance](#)
[Everyone Has Skin in the Game](#)
[Georgia Budget Primer 2013](#)
[Guest Blogger: Cindy Zeldin Discusses Medicaid Expansion in Georgia](#)
[Student Success, Georgia Economy Threatened by State's Declining Support](#)



Voices for Georgia's Children has published a guide to Georgia's child-serving organizations. Below is the link to the guide. Please share on your Facebook page and with your networks.
<http://www.justga.org/research/georgias-child-serving-guide-2012>



FYI From G-CAPP

News Alert From the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy
[U.S. Teen Birth Rates Reach Lowest Level Since the 1940s](#)



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Southern Education Foundation -- Abuse and Cheating Exposed in Georgia Tax Credit Scholarship Program

WSB-TV's Channel 2 in Atlanta exposed abuse and corruption in Georgia's tax credit scholarship program, which has diverted more than \$170 million in taxpayer money to fund scholarships to private school students.

The November 8th [news story](#) closely investigates Georgia SSO (GASSO), one of Georgia's largest and longest-running private Student Scholarship Organizations based in Cumming, GA.

The WSB-TV investigative story follows a two-year study by SEF, "A Failed Experiment: Georgia's Tax Credit Scholarships for Private Schools," as well as national coverage by The New York Times and National Public Radio. All have exposed other abuses and misuses that have become widespread.

SEF repeats its earlier call that Georgia state policymakers end or vastly mend this costly, abuse-riddled program.