

A Helping Hand to Self-Sufficiency

Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) Enhanced Transitions Jobs Grant

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Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision

Stronger Families for a Stronger Georgia.

Mission

Strengthen Georgia by providing Individuals and Families access to services that promote self-sufficiency, independence, and protect Georgia's vulnerable children and adults.

Core Values

- **Provide access to resources that offer support and empower Georgians and their families.**
- **Deliver services professionally and treat all clients with dignity and respect. Manage business operations effectively and efficiently by aligning resources across the agency.**
- **Promote accountability, transparency and quality in all services we deliver and programs we administer.**
- **Develop our employees at all levels of the agency.**



Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration Grant

- **US Department of Labor Grant:**

- \$5.7 million award
- 7 awardees across the United States
- 150 applied either as non-custodial or prison re-entry ... *focus on the harder to serve*
- 4-year study of the impact of transitional jobs
- 500 participants in the program group and 500 in the control group
- 2 years to select participants

- **GoodTransitions:**

- Target audience is non-custodial parents with a child support case
- All participants from the Child Supports Fatherhood Program
- Participants live within Metropolitan Atlanta counties of DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Cobb, Henry and Clayton
- Program group participants compensated through the grant until they move into private-sector, permanent employment
- *Goodwill of North Georgia is the lead agency in partnership with DCSS*

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- **Other collaborative partners include:**
 - The Urban League of Greater Atlanta
 - The Center for Working Families, Inc.
 - Morehouse Research Institute, Morehouse College
 - United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta . . . also donated \$250,000 for transportation
 - The Georgia State Board of Pardons and Parole
 - The Georgia Department of Corrections
 - The Atlanta Regional Commission
- **Officially launched November 7, 2011**
 - 4 intake classes to date and average 2 classes per month
 - 20 participants in the program group and 18 in the control group
 - Initiative ramping up monthly
 - Goodwill and DCSS partner in extensive assessment and evaluation
 - Random selection process works well as control group re-enters Fatherhood
 - All program group participants pay child support payments

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Questions?