

DHS Board Meeting

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Presentation to: DHS Board Members

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Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision

Stronger Families for a Stronger Georgia.

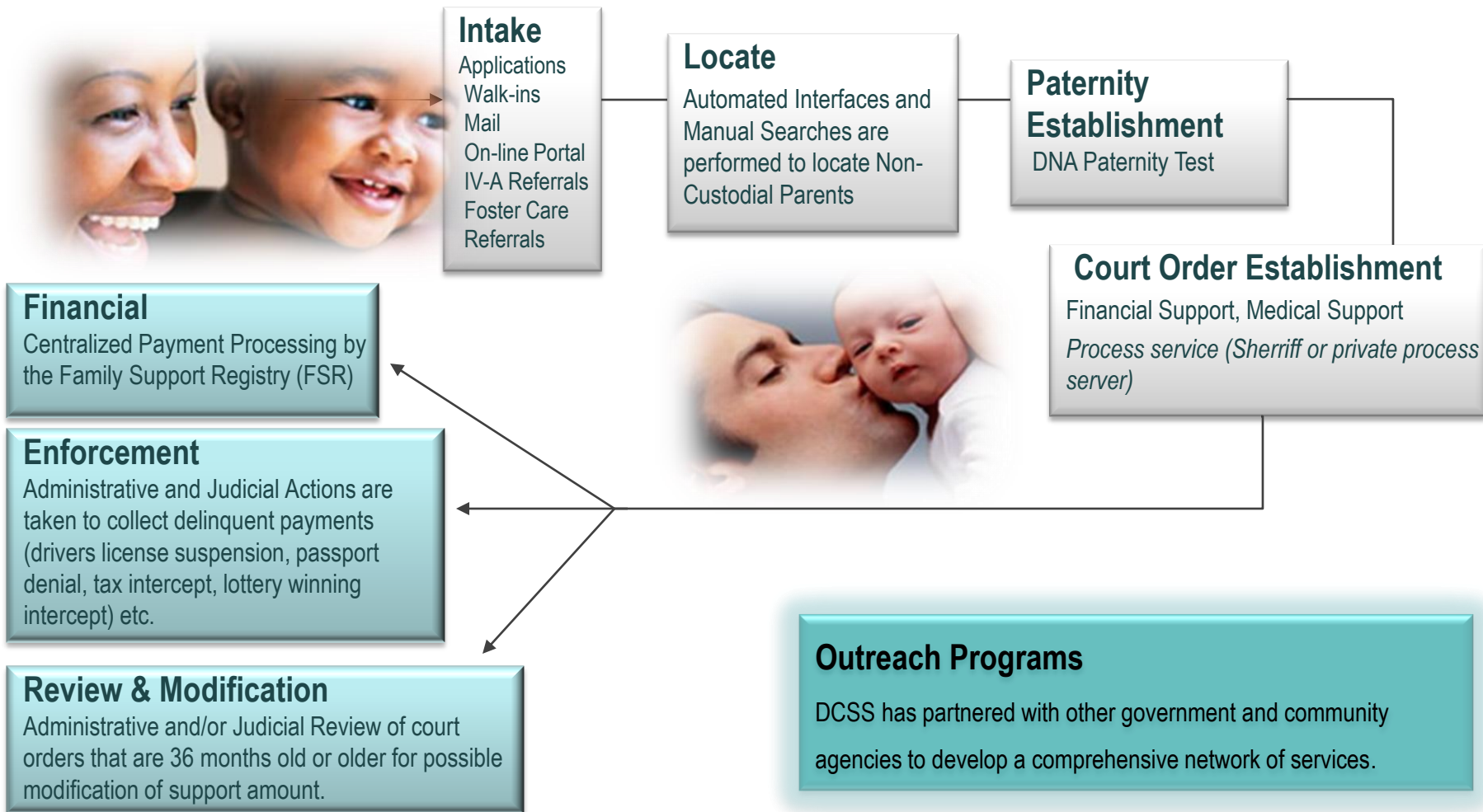
Mission

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

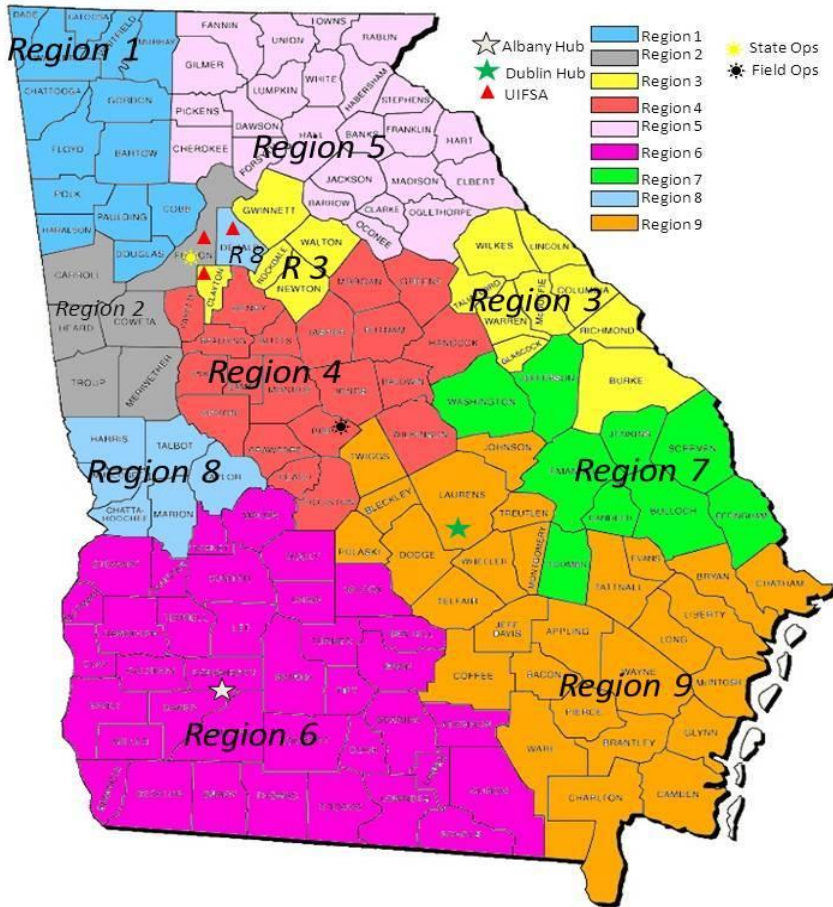
- **Provide access to resources that offer support and empower Georgians and their families.**
- **Deliver services professionally and treat all clients with dignity and respect. Manage business operations effectively and efficiently by aligning resources across the agency.**
- **Promote accountability,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

DCSS Workflow



DCSS Offices and Performance

DCSS Region Realignments
Effective 07/01/2014



- **FFY 13 Performance**
 - Collections - \$695M
 - Caseload count – 388,649
 - Georgia children - 521,000

- **FFY 14 Performance**
 - Collections – \$704 M
 - Caseload count – 396,640
 - Georgia children - 533,252

- **Outreach Programs**
 - Fatherhood – 2,092
 - 18 Problem Solving Courts -statewide
 - Non Custodial Parents 1,091
 - Children 1600
 - Support collected \$837,879.65
 - Incarceration savings \$4.9M
 - Graduates 103

Behavioral Intervention CS Services Grant – BICS



- **Background information**
 - BICS grant overview – behavioral economics
 - OCSE – BICS Project Officer and Evaluation BICS Project Officer
 - Technical Assistance - [MDRC](#), [MEF Associates](#) and [Center for Policy Research](#)
 - Evaluation of BICS grant – [Washington State](#), Project Manager and Grants Manager
 - Grantee administrative Information – key staff, timeline, meetings and budget staff
 - Kick off webinar – October 22nd
- **8 BICS Grantees**
 - Sacramento and San Joaquin counties - **California**
 - Denver, Garfield, Pitkin and Rio Blanco Counties - **Colorado**
 - Office of Attorney General for **District of Columbia** CS Division
 - [Fulton, Dekalb, Crawford, Peach, and Bibb Counties](#) – **Georgia**
 - Franklin and Cuyahoga Counties – **Ohio**
 - San Antonio, Dallas, El Paso, Abilene and Paris - **Texas** Office of Attorney General
 - King, Thurston and Whatcom Counties -**Washington State**
 - **Vermont** Agency of Human Services

Behavioral Economics

- **Behavioral Economics Defined.....**
 - *“Study of psychological, social, cognitive and emotional factors on the economic decisions of individuals and institutions and the consequences for market prices, returns and resource allocation”*
 - Advances self sufficiency, parent accountability
- **Traditional view (neoclassical economics)**
 - Well informed
 - Stable preferences
 - No problems with self control
 - Completely self interested
 - Good decision making that maximizes well being
- **Behavioral view (behavioral economics)**
 - Limited cognition
 - Imperfect self control
 - Shifting preferences
 - Procrastination
 - Mental shortcuts
 - Small factors can influence big decisions
- **Multi –county approach**
 - Fulton county, Jessica Cannon – Site Manager
 - Macon – Bibb county, Ryan Bradley, Site Manager
 - Dekalb county, recruitment pending
 - Project Director, recruitment pending
- **5 year project period**
 - Year 1-2 planning, data gathering & process mapping
 - Years 2-4 implementation & program analysis
 - Year 5 evaluation, reporting, successes & grant close
- **Collaboration with OCSE and TAE Team**
 - Technical Assistance - define, diagnose, design and test
 - Evaluation team- Washington State
 - Grantee calls, meetings (Washington, DC) and site visits
 - Rapid Cycle Evaluation
 - Building capacity in behavioral economics
- **Grant Award (66% Federal financial participation rate)**
 - \$150,000 for 2014-2015
 - \$30,000 for 2016-2018