



Georgia Department of Human Services
Division of Child Support Services

**DCSS Federal Grants
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Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting

Details

Awarded to eight states 8/26/2020

Project period 9/30/2020 – 9/29/2023

**Cooperative agreement with the U.S.
Department of Health and Human
Services, Office of Child Support
Enforcement (OCSE)**

\$890,301 awarded to Georgia DCSS





Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting

GOAL: to educate and motivate teens and young adults to postpone parenthood until after they complete their education, start a career, and engage in a committed relationship





Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting

Approach

- Partnership with Columbus State University to create an open access eLearning curriculum. Curriculum includes six learning objectives.
- Curriculum based on the Texas P.A.P.A Program
 - [p.a.p.a. Curriculum | Office of the Attorney General](#)
(texasattorneygeneral.gov)

Objectives

- Introduction: What is a parent?
- Establishing paternity & benefits of fatherhood
- The cost of parenting
- Child support and parents who don't pay
- Parenting as a team; planning healthy, long-term relationships
- Recognizing relationship violence; choosing healthy relationships





Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting

- Planning phase:
 - Created advisory board
 - Met with individuals to discuss providing their lived experience
 - Identified and procured vendors
 - Developed curriculum format and deployment plans
 - Identified possible locations for curriculum to be implemented





Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting

Deploy curriculum



Test and evaluate



Present findings to OCSE



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security

Details

Awarded to one tribal program and
twelve states 8/31/2022

Project period 9/1/2022 – 8/31/2027

Cooperative agreement with the U.S.
Department of Health and Human
Services, Office of Child Support
Enforcement (OCSE)

\$313,873 awarded to Georgia DCSS



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security

GOAL: to design, develop, evaluate, and implement best practices to provide safe access to child support and parenting time services to domestic violence victims who need support for their children but may be afraid to apply for child support



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security

Approach

- Increase access to child support and parenting time services for domestic violence victims

Objectives

- New screening and response protocols
- Expedited orders for support for victims
- Partnerships with domestic violence agencies and legal aid
- Updated policies and case processing
- Implement specialized triage teams



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security

Supplemental Funding Opportunity - \$385,500

Purpose

- 1) Expand assessment of safety risks for survivors
- 2) Identify and adapt promising models for establishing parenting time arrangements that incorporate safety modifications
- 3) Address disparities in access to parenting time services/arrangements

DCSS applied for funding in January 2023

Final response pending with OCSE (projected for March 2023)



Thank you!

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