



# *Georgia Department of Human Services*

## **Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU)**

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*Stronger Families for a Stronger Georgia*

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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.



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# FSIU Vision, Mission and Values

## Vision

*ACTing to Protect At-Risk Adults*

## Mission

FSIU supports DHS, DAS and other local, state and federal partners to **Identify** and **Address** system gaps, and **Develop** process improvements to Protect Georgia's At-Risk Adults from Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation

## Core Values

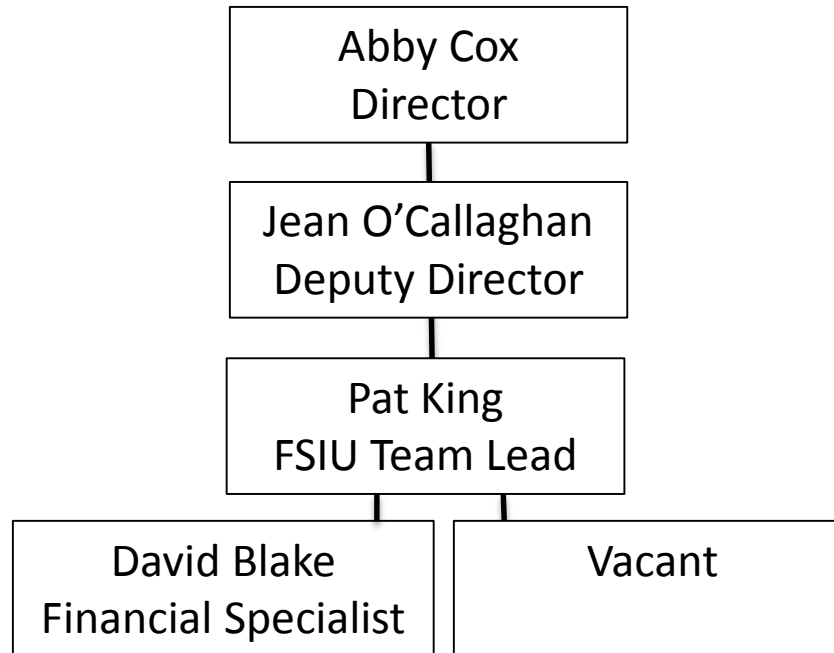
- We strive to positively **IMPACT** the lives of at-risk adults through systems change.
- We practice **INTEGRITY** in all our actions as good stewards of the public trust.
- We choose **INNOVATION** to address complex issues across multiple enterprises
- We achieve results through **ADAPTABILITY** in an ever-changing environment.



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## *Organizational Structure*



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Team Leader  
2006



Financial Crimes  
2010

## **Mission:**

Supporting those protecting at-risk adults in Georgia.



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# Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU)

## *Service Areas*



Carl Vinson Institute of Government  
University of Georgia

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# FSIU Background

**FSIU Created 2006**

**Directive: Build bridges to law enforcement**

**Authority: Older Americans Act**

- Prevention of elder abuse, neglect & exploitation (ANE)
  - Develop a system to address ANE
  - Support team approaches

**GA Division of Aging Services State Plan**

- Increase professional capacity to recognize and address ANE
- Increase collaboration among stakeholders



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# Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU)

## *Key Services - Training*

Service	Training
Description	FSIU developed and deploys a two-day boot camp, <i>At-Risk Adult Crime Tactics (ACT) Certification Course</i> to primary and secondary responders of at-risk adult abuse. Topics include Indicators, GA law, Investigations, Prosecution, Suspicious Deaths, Crimes in Facilities, Resources and Response.
Objective	To increase awareness of ANE and provide primary and secondary responders with tools to <b>protect</b> at-risk adult victims, <b>prevent</b> future victimization and to build strong cases to <b>prosecute</b> offenders.



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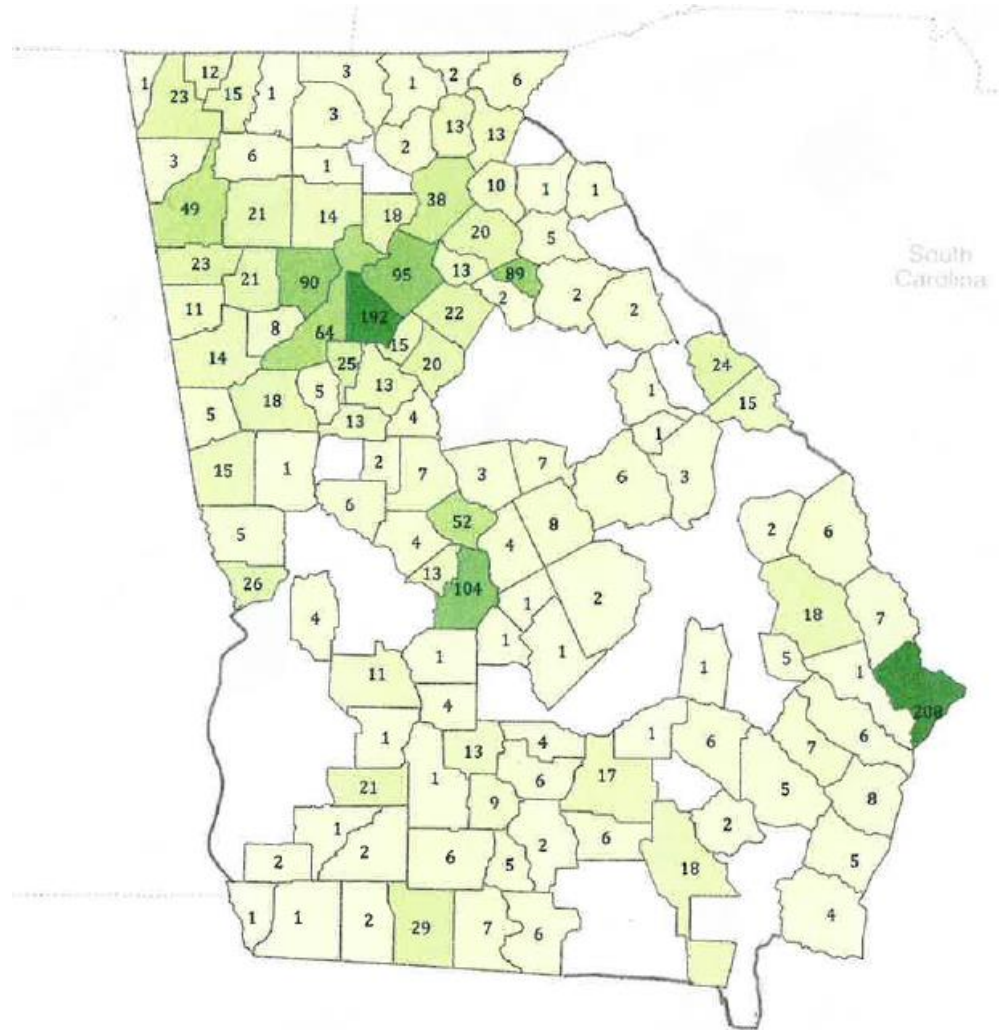
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### *Key Services - Training*

# Training 4/2011 - 5/2016

ACT Classes:	61
ACT Specialists:	1970
Re-certifications:	30

## LE ACT Specialists: 107 Counties



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## *Key Services - Training*

		# of Activities	# of People
ACT Training	Jul 2015	1	34
	Aug 2015	1	32
	Sep 2015	1	21
	Oct 2015	1	23
	Nov 2015	1	21
	Dec 2015	2	69
	Jan 2016	1	73
	Feb 2016	1	50
	Mar 2016	1	27
	Apr 2016	1	23
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>373</b>

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## *Key Services – Training/Outreach*

		# of Activities	# of People
FSIU Outreach	Jul 2015	9	781
	Aug 2015	7	216
	Sep 2015	13	941
	Oct 2015	12	494
	Nov 2015	7	209
	Dec 2015	12	578
	Jan 2016	6	205
	Feb 2016	4	283
	Mar 2016	4	168
	Apr 2016	1	35
	Total	75	3,910

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## *Key Services – Outreach*

	# of Activities	# of People
FSIU Media Activity	Jul 2015	2
	Aug 2015	2
	Sep 2015	4 1,000
	Oct 2015	2 1,517
	Nov 2015	2 1,517
	Dec 2015	2 1,628
	Feb 2016	5 5,129
	Mar 2016	1 69
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20 10,860</b>

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## *Key Services – Technical Assistance*

<b>Service</b>	Technical Assistance/Case Reviews
<b>Description</b>	FSIU receives frequent inquiries from law enforcement, prosecutors, Adult Protective Services, Healthcare Facility Regulation, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Coroners, and other primary and secondary responders wanting assistance with cases and or requesting ACT contacts in GA.
<b>Objective</b>	To provide one-to-one assistance to primary and secondary responders on matters related to issues and/or cases related to ANE.



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## *Key Services – Technical Assistance*

		# of Activities	# of People
FSIU Technical Assistance	Jul 2015	31	43
	Aug 2015	23	23
	Sep 2015	34	34
	Oct 2015	20	44
	Nov 2015	39	115
	Dec 2015	9	14
	Jan 2016	22	74
	Feb 2016	11	11
	Mar 2016	12	13
	Apr 2016	5	5
	Total	206	376
Grand Total		312	15,519

# Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU)

## *Key Services - Collaboration*

<b>Service</b>	Collaboration
<b>Description</b>	FSIU facilitates a variety of multi-disciplinary groups including GBI ANE Working Group, a state-wide Financial Exploitation Work Group, and Metro Multi-Jurisdictional LE Work Group.
<b>Objective</b>	To identify state strategic priorities, develop initiatives and make recommendations for necessary policy implications, legislative changes and systemic improvements based on projects identified by the various working groups to improve outcomes for at-risk adult abuse victims.



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# Collaborations

## GBI Work Group

### 2011

- Recognize unlicensed personal care homes as criminal acts
- Gather intel ~ 200 locations statewide

### 2012

- Initial meeting with GBI Director Keenan
- 1<sup>st</sup> GBI At-Risk Adult Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Work Group Mtg
  - Local, state and federal agencies
  - Obstacles identified
  - Executive summary to Governor



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# Collaborations

## 2013

- GA Chiefs of Police – White Paper
- Roll Call Training Video funded with GBI Drug Seizure Funds
- HB 78 (2013)
- One-day training seminar at GA Public Safety Training Center

## 2014

- Prosecutor's Manual Updated (*first update since 1998*)
- Ongoing training seminars
- GA At-Risk Adult Model Protocol
- Standard Operating Procedure for emergency relocation teams
- Joint Study Committee – Emergency Relocations
- One-day training seminar at GA Public Safety Training Center



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# Collaborations

## 2015

- HB72 (2015)
- GA Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation (GANE) App
- Medical Examiner Training – Fatal Neglect
- Financial Exploitation Work Group Deployed
- GBI ASAC dedicated to ANE

## 2016

- Invitation to DC to meet with Department of Justice
- Metro multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task force
- Emory's Injury Prevention Research Center's Violence Task Force
- GBI Intelligence Analyst dedicated to At-Risk Adult Abuse



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# GBI ANE Working Group

## Current Projects:

- Financial Exploitation Working Group
- Prosecutor Training (for/by)
- Coroner/Medical Examiner Conversations/Training
- Healthcare Provider Training & Curriculum Development

## Working Groups:

- Legislation
- Financial Exploitation Work Group



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# GA Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation App (GANE)

## Public

- Agency's contact
- Information on GA law

## Available on

- iTunes
- Google Play
- Android

And on Eyeonapp.com



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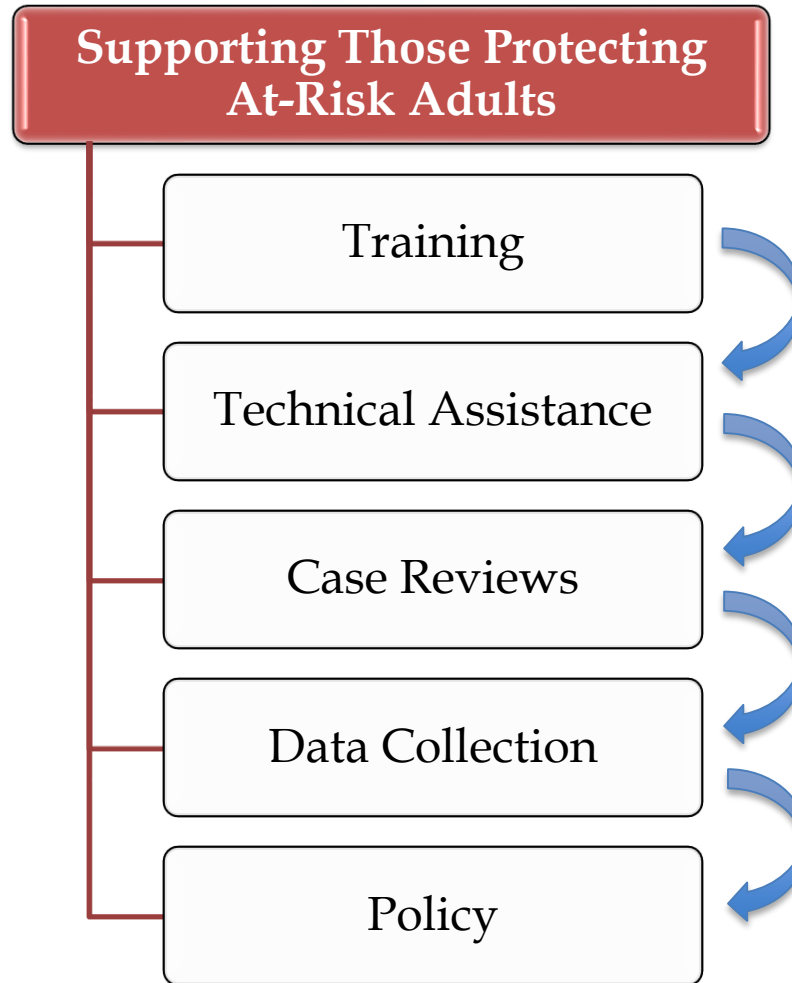
# GA Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation App (GANE)

## Law Enforcement

- Screening tools
- Emergency placement
  - Temp. Emergency Relocation Funds
- Mattie's Call/Safe Return
- Push notification of latest scams

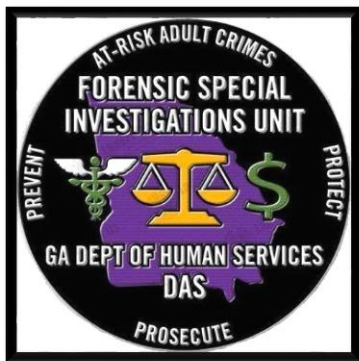
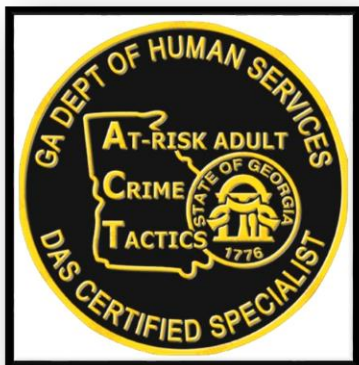


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# Questions?



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