

Georgia AfterSchool & Youth Development Conference

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Georgia Department of Human Services

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.**

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

Community Programs Overview

Community Programs is positioned within the Collaborative Partners Section of DFCS. Community Programs focuses on community-based collaborations and partnerships that address child and youth well-being issues centering around: education, day and after school learning, personal responsibility, youth career preparation, and behavioral interventions.

- **AfterSchool Care**

Supports youth, ages 5 – 17, and families through out-of-school time services and initiatives. Partners with 60 organizations statewide. Provides services to more than 25,000 children and youth statewide.

- **Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)**

Supports youth, ages 10 – 19, by providing personal responsibility and comprehensive health education training. Youth are connected to Public Health Teen Centers, after school programs and other community partners to receive training.

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Mission

To create a unified vision and support for after school and youth development in Georgia.

Planning

May 2012 – December 2012

State Partners

Governor's Office for Children and Families
Department of Human Services
Department of Education of Education

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Highlighted Presenters

- Commissioner, Clyde L. Resse, III, Esq
- State Superintendent, John Barge
- First Lady Sandra Deal
- Judge Stephen Teske
- Monica Pearson (former WSB News Anchor)
- Grant Rivera
- Brad Bryant
- Katie Jo Ballard



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Participation

700 youth service professionals from across the state of Georgia

DHS/DFCS - 250 youth service professionals representing
75 PREP and Afterschool contractors

DOE – 300 youth services professionals representing 21st
Century programming

GOCF – 150 youth services professionals representing youth
and family services

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Q & A

