DHR Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GrG) Enhanced Services Work Team

Overview

Five core DHR divisions and offices have pulled together and provide "One System of Care" for Georgia's grandparents raising grandchildren. They include the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Division of Aging Services (DAS), Office of Child Support Services (OCSS), Mental Health, Developmental Diseases and Addictive Disease (MHDDAD) and Division of Public Health (DPH).

Goals/Objectives of the Enhanced System

- Reduction in the number of children that come into care (DFCS)
- Increase the # of grandparents involved in DAS wellness/health promotion programs
- Ensure proper child support payments are directed to the custodial parent or grandparent (OCSS)
- Provide a cohesive DHR entry point for grandparents raising grandchildren (MHDDAD/DPH)

Goals/Objectives of Work Team

- To provide training sessions twice a year for 713G DHR Interagency Referral Form to DHR staff involved in the "One System of Care" protocol.
- To serve as the supportive entity for DHR offices/division to develop and coordinate regional community education summits specifically for GrGs.

Current Data

Since the programs inception (August 1, 2006)

In FY 2007	In FY 2008
For those families:	
 5,299 monthly subsidy payments-	 20,633, monthly subsidy payments
beginning in August 1 st 2006 (DFCS)	(DFCS)
 157 GrG's received Crisis Intervention	 241 GrG's received Crisis Intervention
payments- CRISP (DFCS)	payments-CRISP (DFCS)
 \$61,976.66 dollars of child support	 \$13,235.32 dollars of child support
was redirected to GrGs and 1,556	was redirected and 2,312 total served.
total served (OCSS)	(OCSS)
 13,473 GrGs have been involved in	 18,891 GrGs have been involved in
wellness/health promotion activities	wellness/health promotion activities
and 95 activities were held (DAS)	and 162 activities were held (DAS)
137 GrGs have received respite care (DAS)	 160 GrGs have received respite care (DAS)

• Note: numbers may be duplicative