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# Legislative Session



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# NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

It's all relative:  
Building hope through  
kinship connections

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# State of Hope Value Proposition

*The State of Hope is an inclusive network that provides welcoming opportunities for youth, families and supporters to create a better quality of life for Georgians by leveraging the collective wisdom of communities.*

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## STATE OF HOPE SELECTION PROCESS OVERVIEW

1. State of Hope Tool Kit (“Hope Kit”) distribution launches the selection process
2. Innovators submit their stories (application) via email
3. Community Review Teams are assembled & engaged to select and prioritize local ideas/projects
4. State level team will make final selections
5. Selection announcements to be communicated to all applicants
6. Meet with top sites to move projects forward

# State of Hope Sites

What will the SOH offer selected sites?

- Trauma training for the community
- Youth engagement using design thinking
- Funding – small seeds of HOPE
- Building capacity around the design thinking process for project implementation
- Connection to larger Division resources and partners
- Opportunities to connect with other State of Hope sites for collaboration and learning.
- Additional technical assistance as needed

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# Family First Prevention Services Act

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