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STATE OF HOPE DEFINITION

A State of Hope is a collaborative approach in which people from all walks of life share a vision of safety and success for every child, family and individual who lives in their community. It is a place where public and private organizations - nonprofits, philanthropies, government, businesses and communities - collaborate closely to help achieve that vision. *As a result, children are safer, families are stronger and communities are more supportive places for all of its members to thrive.*

STATE OF HOPE VALUE PROPOSITION

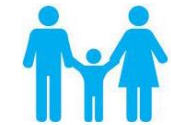


The State of Hope is an inclusive network that provides welcoming opportunities for youth, families and supporters to create a better quality of life for Georgians by leveraging the collective wisdom of communities.

STATE OF HOPE **ANCHOR OPPORTUNITIES**



Education: Improving the educational attainment of vulnerable youth, most importantly the graduation rates of youth in foster care



Trauma: Increasing the awareness of trauma informed practices, the impact of trauma and how to mitigate its impact



Quality Caregiving: Improving the quality of caregiving across a continuum including, but not limited to, birth parents, kin caregivers, foster/adoptive parents and the larger caregiver community



Economic Self-Sufficiency: Strengthening and supporting individuals and families on their path toward independence

**Note: These are DFCS priorities and will not always necessarily be the priorities of individual communities and/or expressed by them in the same language.*

STATE OF HOPE **NEXT STEPS**

- **State of Hope Advisory Council**
 - Council members selected in January
 - Invites to members sent out at the beginning of February
 - Initial meeting tentatively scheduled for early March
 - Quarterly meetings thereafter
- **Application for Regions of Hope to roll out in early spring**
- **Site selection for three Regions of Hope in early summer**
- **Youth engagement component scheduled for mid-late summer**

EDUCATION SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL

- **This partnership ensures youth in care in DeKalb and Fulton counties are referred to the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children (MAAC) for academic support services. MAAC works with Communities in Schools (CIS), Chris 180 and Elks Aidmore**
- **We are currently serving 435 foster youth in 7th-12th grade**
- **We are working with 170 schools within these four districts:**
 - **Atlanta Public Schools**
 - **Decatur City Schools**
 - **DeKalb County Schools**
 - **Fulton County Schools**