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## DHR Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Enhanced Services Data Snapshot

### OVERVIEW

Five DHR divisions and offices have collaborated to provide One System of Care for Georgia's grandparents raising their own 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 the Division of Public Health (DPH).

### GOALS/OBJECTIVES OF THE GRG ENHANCED SYSTEM

- Reduction in the number of children that come into care(DFCS)
- Increase # of grandparents involved in DAS Wellness programs (DAS)
- 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)

### CURRENT DATA

Currently, approximately **2,700 eligible grandfamilies** raising their own grandchildren are receiving enhanced services each month under a single system of care in DHR. This is up from our last year average of 803 grandfamilies served per month.

In FY 2007	FY 2008 as of 12.12.07
<p><b>For those families:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5299 monthly subsidy payments (MSP- A payment of \$50 per child per month for grandparent(s) (age 60+ or disabled) to cover additional expenses associated with rearing their grandchildren) were made to grandparents on behalf of their grandchildren – beginning in August 1, 2006 (DFCS)*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY 2008 to date(beginning July 1, 2007), 5044<sup>1</sup> monthly subsidy payments were made with a cumulative total of over \$250,000</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 157 grandfamilies received Crisis Intervention Payments - CRISP (DFCS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY 2008 to date, 118 grandfamilies received Crisis Intervention Payments (CRISP) totaling nearly \$40,000</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$61,976.66 dollars of child support was redirected to grandparents raising grandchildren</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5,787.90 dollars of child support was redirected to grandparents raising grandchildren</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 151 GRG's have been counseled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 3,000 care receivers and grandparents received support services and material aid.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 137 grandparents have received respite care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 157 DHR staff participated in the first Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Summit held on November 6, 2007**</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>These are cumulative enhanced services only. These represent families not individuals.

\*\*GRG Summit conducted at the Macon Centreplex. Staff from Mental Health, Public Health, Child Support, Aging and DFCS attended to learn more about the GRG population in Georgia and DHR's One System of Care, identify regional GRG barriers and challenges across the DHR enterprise. Note: Data reported as December 12, 2007. Services began August 1, 2006. **DHR GRG Website:** [www.dhr.state.ga.us/grg](http://www.dhr.state.ga.us/grg) or go to [www.dhr.state.ga.us](http://www.dhr.state.ga.us) and click on **Services**, then click on **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**.