

GEORGIA
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NETWORKS	FUNDED PROGRAMS	EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE
<p>The network is described and includes information about the membership and structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Network membership requires that a county have a formal interdisciplinary collaborative governing body and broad stakeholder participation. ▪ The Network focuses on: promoting results accountability; adopting community-driven decision-making; supporting innovative strategies; streamlining government; redirecting resources. ▪ All of Georgia's 159 counties are now active members of the Family Connection Partnership Network. Members of the network focus on strengthening and empowering families and communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case management/case coordination across agencies focused on children prenatal-pre-K. ▪ Child abuse and family violence prevention/intervention ▪ Center-based family services including family resource centers ▪ Parenting education/skills development ▪ Father-focused parenting education/skills development ▪ Family counseling ▪ Early intervention focused on on-going child and family support for families with pre-school age children ▪ Youth sex abuse prevention programs ▪ Support groups for parents ▪ Crisis intervention including hotlines and respite centers ▪ Information distribution including newborn packets, services directories, WIC ▪ General information distribution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The lead agency supports the Georgia Lifespan Respite Coalition. The goal of the Coalition is to develop, expand and enhance respite care services throughout the state ▪ The Coalition consists of providers, legislators, families and advocates who work to design and implement the respite care/programmatic needs in Georgia. ▪ The Executive Director of the lead agency is a part of the group to help represent the interests of the CBCAP grant program. ▪ Through a collaborative venture with the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, min-grants were made available to Network members to assist with the development and support of new or expanded family support programs including respite care and crisis nursery programs.

DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	EVALUATION AND QUANTITATIVE SERVICE INFORMATION	INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program level data about the number of families served by individual programs that comprise Network counties is not available because Georgia does not sponsor a program level Network. ▪ Participant information is available for the child abuse and neglect prevention programs funded by contracts from the Children's Trust Fund Commission. Participant information includes: 19,061 families and 117,027 children. Of this number 4,452 were teen parents, 10,158 were minorities, 46 were families with parents that have disabilities and 24 were grandparents raising grandchildren. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program level data about the satisfaction among families who used services in every county throughout the network is not available because Georgia does not sponsor a program-level network. ▪ Children's Trust Fund Commission supported programs are required to offer participants an opportunity to provide written assessments of their satisfaction with program services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Benchmarks are used to determine changes in Blended funding and interdisciplinary service delivery. ▪ Benchmarks of the following areas: resource development; blended/combination funding across agencies; establishing mechanisms for cross-agency financial management; redirection of exiting funds controlled by collaborative partners; development of long-term financing; conducting cost analysis of prevention strategies by collaborative partners.

PEER REVIEW	PARENT LEADERSHIP	LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The peer review process in Georgia has evolved based on feedback from communities and participants in the process. Counties have requested a more realistic, constructive and flexible process. The Dialogue process has been replaced by forums. The forums are designed to help the community realize its potential while promoting flexibility in accessing and utilizing state and regional support. ▪ Each county participating in a Forum decides the discussion topics relevant to their needs. Issues might include Resource Development, Prevention Strategies; Community Assessment, Results Accountability; Evaluation; System Change; Community Engagement, Creating Local Benchmarks, Collaborative Development and Community Advocacy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the county level, collaboratives continue to work toward more inclusion of family representatives in governance and in the planning/evaluation process. ▪ The following benchmarks are used as indicators of family engagement: family representatives participated in completing the Self-Assessment; Consumers participated in completing the Self –Assessment; Establish mechanism for family members to be involved in collaborative; youth serve on collaborative board; establish mechanism for adult family members to be involved in programs and activities for their children and youth; family members participate as members of collaborative committees; task forces; family members provide their opinions about services or programs within the collaborative; family members participate as leaders or co-leaders of committees, task forces of collaborative partners. ▪ Parent leadership activities will continue to be sponsored at the county, regional and state levels. Funds will continue to be allocated from the CBCAP grant to sponsor events for parents. 	

OTHER APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- The report includes a report from the “Statewide Healthy Families Georgia Information System (HFGIS). This is a process that tracks activities conducted with families during the assessment and home-based intervention phases of the Healthy Families Georgia program.

State Allowable Claims:	\$ 7,712,716
Population-Based Allocations:	\$ 607,101
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations:	\$ 263,223
Final State Allocations:	\$ 870,324

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