



# STATE OF GEORGIA Children's Cabinet

## Children's Cabinet Meeting

July 8, 2021

8AM-10AM

**Zoom Meeting**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

#### Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Cabinet co-chair and Commissioner of the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) Amy Jacobs welcomed the Cabinet to the meeting. Commissioner Jacobs led introductions of newly appointed Cabinet members. All new Cabinet members voiced their excitement in their appointment and working with the Cabinet.

#### Newly Appointed Cabinet Members

- Gerlda Hines – Commissioner of the Department of Human Services
- Caylee Noggle – Commissioner of the Department of Community Health
- Juanita Yancey – Executive Officer of the Georgia Head Start Association
- Jerry Bruce – Director of the Office of the Child Advocate

#### Member Updates

##### AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, GEORGIA CHAPTER and PUBLIC HEALTH

- Advertising spots developed in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics to increase awareness of vaccinations in general, and on COVID-19 vaccinations available to children 12 and up will begin next week (July 2021).

##### UNITED WAY OF METRO ATLANTA

- School Age Help and Relief Effort (SHARE) grants are being offered in partnership with DECAL the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN)
- Working on “BOOST” grants for afterschool programs
- Child Wellbeing Index being rolled out statewide
- Literacy and Justice for All Collaborative is rolling out in partnership with Learn4Life

##### UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (USG)

- PINES Library Access for Youth (PLAY) cards. This program will allow students to use their school identification card instead of a library card to open access to the state's library resources to students.
- <https://georgialibraries.org/student-pines-card/>

##### GEORGIA EARLY EDUCATION ALLIANCE FOR READY STUDENTS (GEEARS)

- New IECMHC Association – Georgia AIM will help train and credential professionals in the field to serve infant, toddlers, and their families. The Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health chairs will be Kathy Bragg, Project Director at Chris 180 and

Dr. Tracie Topple, founder of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Services of Georgia, and part-time instructor at the UGA School of Social Work.

#### KIDS WORLD

- Kids World is partnering with DECAL in the Language and Literacy Endorsement Pilot Program. This program has added professional development in language and literacy for teachers in Infant, Toddler, Preschool, and Pre-K classrooms and intensive leadership training for administration from Harvard Graduate School of Education.

#### VOICES OF GEORGIA'S CHILDREN

- Voices is collaborating with GSU's Center of Excellence for Children's Behavioral Health, in an initiative called Trauma Informed Universities (TIU). It embeds an introductory trauma curriculum in Georgia's major social work and professional counseling graduate school programs.

#### FY 2021 Annual Report

##### Children's Cabinet Co-Chairs Amy Jacobs and Joy Hawkins

The co-chairs presented the FY 2021 Annual Report highlights to the Cabinet. Commissioner Jacobs also noted that FY 2020 Annual Report is posted on the Children's Cabinet website, and FY 2021 Annual Report will be posted on the website once final edits have been made. A copy of the slides presented in attached with the meeting notes.

**\*Note:** the FY2020 and pending FY2021 reports can be found on the Children's Cabinet website at: [www.gachildrencabinet.org](http://www.gachildrencabinet.org) under the About Us tab.

#### Coordinated Messaging on Safety

Director Hawkins discussed using the Cabinet messaging platform to inform families of the safety messaging for the Look Again campaign, the SPLASH campaign, and commercial sexual exploitation of children prevention campaign. Coordination of messaging across state agencies is needed.

#### Family First Act and Trauma Informed Care Presentations

Shelby Zimmer, Family First Director presented on the Family First Act. Trauma Informed Care was Co-presented by Laurence Nelson, Director of Training and Professional Development and Carmen Callaway, Well-being Services Section Director.

A copy of the presentation slides is attached with the notes. A recordings of both presentations can be found at: [https://kaltura.uga.edu/media/t/1\\_icugwlpk](https://kaltura.uga.edu/media/t/1_icugwlpk)

#### Discussion: what are other Cabinet members doing related to Trauma-Informed Care?

- American Academy of Pediatrics examines Adverse Childhood Experiences and Social Determinants of Health as a piece of trauma informed care.
- The Department of Education (DOE) is helping teachers learn what to look for when it comes to trauma as the new school year starts up.
- The investment strategies being employed by United Way of Metro Atlanta in launching the Child Well-Being Index is underlined by trauma-informed.

- The use of Evidence Based Trauma-Informed approaches is a requirement of all DBHDD network providers.
- DECAL staff is training on the Connections Matter Initiative around TIC and resiliency.
- The USG is focusing on students after the pandemic and coming back to the University system.

### Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 10 am by Commissioner Jacobs and Executive Director Joy Hawkins. The co-chairs provided closing remarks thanking the Cabinet, new members, and presenters on their time and participation, as well as asking to keep Trauma Informed Care on future Cabinet meeting agendas.