

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

A NEW DIMENSION OF COLLABORATION



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The mission of Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP) is to work in partnership with communities, policymakers, service providers, businesses, advocates, and families to improve the well-being of children, families, and communities in Georgia.

Fundamental to our work is the realization that the results we seek for children, families, and communities exceed the capacity of any single entity to attain. Making improvements requires a multi-dimensional approach to collaboration and support.

Communities offer the first dimension of collaboration, providing essential links to other families, spiritual centers, local businesses, locally elected officials, and schools that comprise the family’s social network.

Counties offer the second dimension of collaboration. Each county in Georgia is supported by a Family Connection collaborative, an organization that convenes local partners to improve results in five areas: healthy children, children ready to start school, children succeeding in school, stable self-sufficient families, and strong communities.

The state offers the third dimension of collaboration. GaFCP links state and national partners from the health and human service sector—such as juvenile justice, child protection, early childhood education, child health and development—to Family Connection collaboratives addressing those same issues.

During the past several years, **a new dimension of collaboration** has emerged. Within Georgia’s 12 service delivery regions, counties have formed regional partnerships to pool their resources and develop strategies and initiatives that make greater improvements for children, families, and communities in their region. GaFCP supports these regional partnerships through our Community Support team of regionally based community facilitators along with finance and evaluation consultants who provide technical assistance and support.

This FY07 Year-End Report highlights our work in helping regional partners reach new dimensions in collaboration and the successful results of working together.

Acknowledgements: Georgia Family Connection Partnership appreciates the Board members, Family Connection coordinators, and partners who contributed to our Fiscal Year 2007 Year-End Report. Thank you for contributing to our collective success.



Dear **Stakeholders:**

In 2007, Georgia Family Connection Partnership continued to strengthen the position of children and families in the state by promoting collaboration on a community-by-community basis. This was accomplished by working with collaboratives to establish strategies and initiatives focused on the needs specific to each of the 159 counties.

The outcomes of your tireless efforts are felt throughout the entire state and are depicted in the Georgia KIDS COUNT data. This year, although Georgia ranked 41st nationally, six of the 10 key indicators show a positive trend over time while three indicators show a decline. A closer examination of these data reveal that two of the three declining indicators are directly related to employment and income, a continuous statewide issue that must be addressed as we move forward. I continue to be encouraged by the improvement in our trend data and applaud each of you for your dedication.

We must realize, however, that our work is never complete. There are endless opportunities for us to improve the human condition within our state, as illustrated by the regional collaborative efforts highlighted in this report.

It has been my privilege to serve as board chair of Family Connection Partnership for the past five years. As I prepare to retire in 2008, I am proud of the accomplishments Family Connection has made over the past 17 years and hope that Family Connection Partnership will continue to be the catalyst for change and social equality throughout our state.

To our board members, partners, collaboratives, and staff, thank you for your commitment to this vital work.

Albert L. Wright
Board Chair
Family Connection Partnership

Dear **Fellow Collaboratives:**

I began my career with Georgia Family Connection as the coordinator for the Savannah collaborative more than a decade ago.

I understood then, as I do now, the importance of technical assistance to our work and the value of being connected to other counties. The ability to link state resources to my peers through facilitated network meetings, most times convened by regionally based staff, proved to be a critical factor in our attempt to achieve local benchmarks.

This Year-End Report focuses on our community facilitators and their work in our 12 regions across Georgia that highlights a new dimension in collaboration—building regional partnerships.

This dimension has emerged because like our original vision, communities realize that common goals, and shared resources and responsibilities yield the best results for children and families; and that collaboration across counties and at the regional level can yield even greater results for communities.

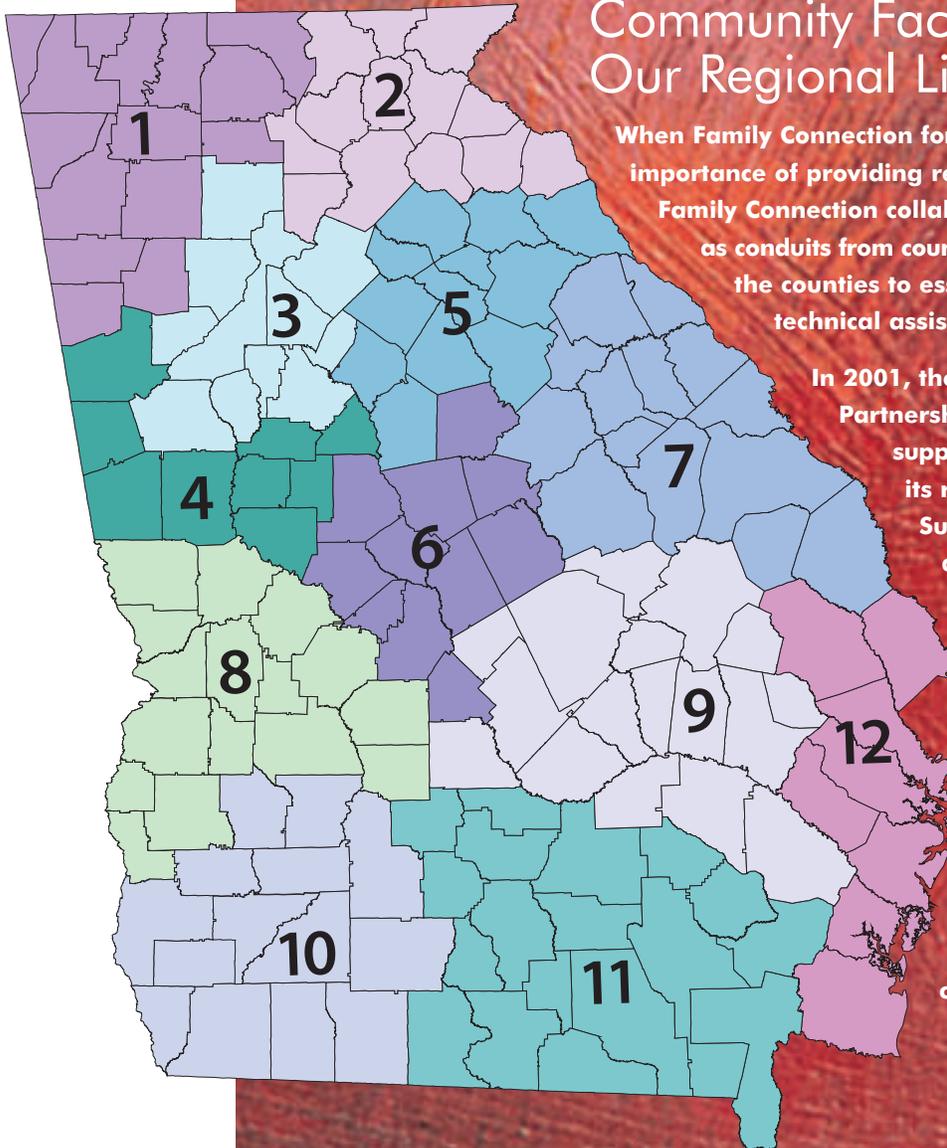
We also share the outcomes of these regional stories. Although we cannot take credit for their successes, because each success was a collaborative effort, we hope to show the value GaFCP offered by dedicating regionally based staff with the sole purpose of supporting counties, linking them to other national, state, and regional partners, and facilitating regional partnerships.

It has been an honor serving as executive director for the past six years. I have learned a great deal from the tremendous effort put forth by county collaboratives, regional partnerships, and the GaFCP staff and board. Together we have achieved much, but many challenges face us as we strive to improve conditions for children and families in our state. I can't think of any better partners to work along side in this endeavor than each of you.

Gaye Morris Smith
Executive Director
Family Connection Partnership

Building on GaFCP's county and statewide work to support regional partners across Georgia

Community Facilitators: Our Regional Liaisons



When Family Connection formed in 1991, its founders realized the importance of providing regional support staff to counties with Family Connection collaboratives. These regional liaisons acted as conduits from county collaboratives to the state, connecting the counties to essential service agencies, resources, and technical assistance.

In 2001, the state created Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP) to formalize the state-level support for Family Connection. GaFCP augmented its regional support by creating the Community Support team, with community facilitators assigned to support Georgia's 12 service delivery regions and the Family Connection collaboratives representing 159 counties across the state.

Community facilitators are committed to providing high-quality technical assistance and training, strategic planning support, and tools and resources to help build the capacity of local and regional partners so they are better equipped to improve outcomes for children, families, and communities in Georgia.

The Georgia Family Connection Partnership Community Support team builds the capacity of our personnel, collaboratives, and partners to develop the relationships, knowledge, and skills necessary to implement community-driven plans.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAM

Director
Aubrey Harris

Administrative Support
Natasha White

Community Facilitators

Supporting the following counties:

Region 1	Arienne Weldon	Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, and Whitfield
Region 2	Donna Scohier	Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White
Region 3	Paula Semple Carolyn Aidman	Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale
Region 4	Joey Mullins	Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, and Upson
Region 5	Nina Powers	Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton
Region 6	Sherry Witherington	Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, and Wilkinson
Region 7	Marcell Johnson	Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington, and Wilkes
Region 8	Annetta Berry	Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, and Webster
Region 9	Santina Fryer	Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, and Wilcox
Region 10	Jenny Bostick	Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, and Worth
Region 11	Marion Curry Susan Harrell	Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner, and Ware
Region 12	Lou Caputo	Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, and McIntosh

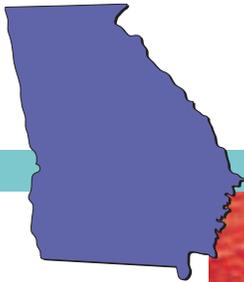
Statewide Community Facilitators

John Bringuel
Kathy O'Neal

College Community Liaison

Kathy Wages

*Works jointly with Georgia Family Connection Partnership and
The University of Georgia Family and Consumer Sciences-Extension*



Internship program teams students with Family Connection coordinators to accomplish dual objectives

Georgia Family Connection Partnership develops, enhances, and maintains relationships with state and national partners and communities to link priorities, share and combine resources, and improve services and supports for families.

Tapping into a regional asset

When it came time for collaborative coordinators in Region 11 to work on their three-year strategic plans, GaFCP community facilitators Marion Curry and Susan Harrell decided to tap into a regional asset for assistance.

Building upon an innovative idea a collaborative used in the past, the community facilitators approached Valdosta State University (VSU) about using interns from its Master of Social Work program to help Family Connection collaboratives.

Marion and Susan established a relationship with Dr. Martha Giddings, director of the university's Division of Social Work, and then worked together to create a memorandum of agreement that outlined their mutual objectives.



Throughout the two-year program, the community facilitators led orientations to familiarize the interns with Family Connection, coached the coordinators in how to work with interns, and worked with the VSU field supervisors and GaFCP evaluators to evaluate the interns' work.

The purpose of the Regional Partnership is to:

1. engage the students in real-life community-change activities, enhancing their social work education, and
2. provide additional support to local collaboratives to strengthen their strategic plan and successful communication of that plan to their county constituents and others.

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY INTERN PROGRAM

Jason Lefevre was feeling overwhelmed. As the new coordinator for Pierce County Family Connection, he not only had to learn the ins and outs of his new job, he had to quickly learn the strategic planning process. Jason wondered how he would be able to manage his current responsibilities and conduct the community assessments required by the strategic planning process.

Kirsten Ponsell was both excited and anxious. As a first-year student in the Master of Social Work program at Valdosta State University, she would soon be placed in the first of two required internships. She was excited about working in a community setting with agencies she might some day serve, but also was nervous. Kirsten never heard of Georgia Family Connection before, and this idea of collaborating with agencies was new to her.

Kirsten and Jason worked together as a result of the regional partnership between Georgia Family Connection Partnership and Valdosta State University.

“I looked at Kirsten as a partner from the start because she had social work knowledge and experience I didn’t have,” said Jason. “She knew all about the social programs and their buzz words. And she had really good people skills too. When she interviewed someone in the community who said, ‘I wish TANF worked better,’ Kirsten knew about the TANF program and asked more probing questions.”

For Kirsten, working with Family Connection gave her an opportunity to put her knowledge to work. “In class, I learned a lot about service agencies and working with people,” Kirsten said. “But when I actually got to the collaborative I was wide-eyed. It took me a while to get comfortable talking to people in the community.”

It wasn’t just Kirsten’s social skills that benefited the collaborative, according to Jason. She had computer skills too. Kirsten had just learned a complex data program at Valdosta State and was able to compile the survey results and provide statistical data. She also helped with a PowerPoint presentation to the Pierce County Collaborative board and created a brochure to explain the strategic plan to the community.

“A lot of folks don’t think of interns as providing value,” said Jason. “But in the Family Connection community they proved to be a real asset to our work. Not only did we get some much needed help with our plans, we got the temporary use of a professional who has the latest knowledge and a fresh perspective, someone who can help us think of our work in new ways.” ■



Jason Lefevre

Coordinator, Pierce County Family Connection



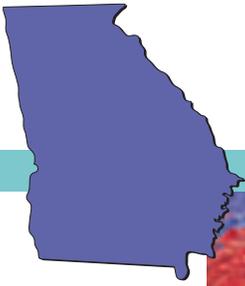
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Master of Social Work Intern, Valdosta State University

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Strategic planning process helps create the first regional System of Care

Georgia Family Connection Partnership provides communities with a framework for planning and implementing the process of collaboration in order to improve results for children, families, and communities in Georgia.

Replicating what works

When Region 1 partners facilitated the development of a regional System of Care, a coordinated network of community-based services and supports, GaFCP community facilitator Arianne Weldon guided them through the same strategic planning process she uses to support the 15 county collaboratives in her region.

Arianne began the process by assessing the current situation. A good starting point was Georgia KIDS COUNT, an effort funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, which tracks nearly 50 indicators of child well-being at the county, regional, state, and national levels. From there, partners identified the most critical issues facing their county or region.

She continued the process by identifying the people who were affected, the possible root problems, and a cluster of programs, services, and activities designed and supported by the partners to improve the results.

To help facilitate the planning, Arianne engaged other members of the GaFCP Community Support team to teach the regional partners Results Based Facilitation™, a model used to help move meetings from talk to action.



The purpose of the Regional Partnership is to:

1. bring together children, families, community resources, and child-serving agencies to address the needs of children in the communities, and
2. improve outcomes for children, including children “aging out” of foster care and other out-of-community placements.

KIDSNET NORTHWEST

Tim Rice is in the business of connecting the dots. As program coordinator for KidsNet Northwest (NoW), the Region 1 collaborative for Systems of Care, he sees the problems facing families with severely emotionally disturbed children and adolescents. Tim also sees the array of solutions partner agencies offer with their wraparound Systems of Care. Connecting one to the other should be an easy matter, but something was missing. It's as if more dots were needed to complete the picture.

Margaret Cawood is a change agent of sorts. As District 1 director for the Department of Juvenile Justice, part of her mission is to improve government operations and provide better service delivery. To accomplish these goals, she knows it will take a joint effort with her collaborative partners in KidsNet NoW as well as changes in the way her staff involves local communities to identify and address those issues.

Last year Tim and Margaret took a Results Based Facilitation (RBF) workshop taught by the GaFCP Community Support team. They went into the training expecting to learn a few new meeting skills to help with their strategic planning process but came out with much more—a new meeting philosophy.

Tim used the RBF philosophy to facilitate interagency meetings. “Using Effective Questions throughout meetings helped us focus on the problems at hand,” he said. “In the past we’d have someone give a report on a family and then we’d spend a lot of time talking about the background. Now we’re asking questions like, ‘What do we need to do for this family?’”

Margaret used Effective Questions and Appreciative Listening Skills to determine the needs of families. “RBF has taught our staff how to remain neutral from the family’s perspective,” she said. “In the past our staff might have asked a family to meet at our mental health facility, which may have presented a challenge for the family. Now our staff asks the family where it wants to meet, engaging the family right from the start.”

Dade County reported a family reunification success story that illustrates what a picture looks like with all the dots connected. The parents were charged with four counts of cruelty to children, and the children were removed from their home. Through the efforts of KidsNet NoW and the family, the mother is now in mental health counseling and pursuing a GED, the father underwent a mental health assessment and is applying for a mechanics job, and the children have received physical checkups, are participating in activities at school, and could be returned home soon. ■



Tim Rice

*Program Coordinator,
KidsNet Northwest*



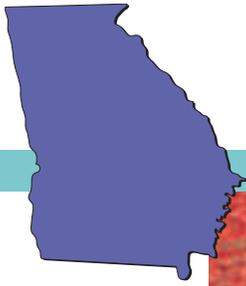
Margaret Cawood

*District 1 Director,
Department of
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Regional partners create a new collaborative structure to support region-wide initiatives

Georgia Family Connection Partnership participates in regional initiatives, boards, training, and partnership meetings that include or involve local community collaboratives to support the mission of Family Connection.

Building a regional collaborative

When Region 10 coordinators asked GaFCP community facilitator Jenny Bostick to help bring regional partners to their Peer-to-Peer Network (PTPN) meeting, they got more than they bargained for.

Regional partners realized the benefit of connecting with the 14 Family Connection collaboratives and asked GaFCP to use the PTPN as a focus group. Soon afterward, the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center, a state agency assisting local governments, asked if it could use the PTPN for a human services taskforce. From these connections the Regional Partners Network formed.

When the network grew to more than 60 active partners in 2006, it formalized its structure into a nonprofit organization.

Jenny helped the Regional Partners Network with its organization and sustainability by serving on its steering committee and board, and chairing its public relations committee. She also engaged other members of the GaFCP Community Support team to provide training in board development, strategic planning, and facilitation.



The purpose of the Regional Partnership is to focus on four regional initiatives:

1. Arts, Culture, and Tourism
2. Southwest Georgia Certified Literate Community Program
3. Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force
4. Southwest Georgia Youth Development

REGIONAL PARTNERS NETWORK

Barbara Reddick loves a challenge. As chair of the Regional Partners Network she participated in the hard work of forming the regional collaborative. Now the network has identified literacy as a common issue and wants to create a Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) for the region. While Georgia has 55 individual CLCPs, including multi-county programs, no one has ever created a regional CLCP.

Debbie McIntyre sees the connection to learning and life. In addition to being the director for the Decatur County CLCP, Learning Is For Everyone (L.I.F.E), McIntyre has witnessed the quality of life improve when people learn to read or improve their literacy. But while she gets this connection, the thought of connecting CLCP to the region seemed a little daunting. Debbie and Barbara worked on this regional initiative together and through the collaborative effort of the Regional Partners Network, the 14 Family Connection collaboratives in Region 10, and many partners, they established the Certified Literate Community Program of Southwest Georgia, the first regional CLCP in the state.

“When we established our regional CLCP back in August 2004 we set a 10-year goal of improving the literacy rate by 50 percent plus 1 in every county,” Debbie said. We hired Rozanne Braswell as a full-time CLCP coordinator to help us achieve our goals, and by the end of 2006, more than 1,600 individuals had improved their literacy level.”

The results seem impressive, given that many counties in Region 10 are rural and some have populations less than 7,000. But that’s where the power of collaboration comes in, according to Barbara. “With the regional collaboration we can pool resources such as promotional material or items left over from county events,” she said. “One county had book bags left over from a back-to-school event, which it donated to another county. Even small gestures like this can have a big impact to those who live in the smaller counties.”

The FY07 dictionary project is another example of how working together impacted the region. The CLCP of Southwest Georgia provided 8,000 dictionaries region-wide to elementary school students and teachers, and to adult education students. It also provided thesauruses to 9th-grade students in some counties.

Looking back at how far they’ve come and what the future holds, both Barbara and Debbie agree that Family Connection has been, and will continue to be, critical to their success. “Family Connection collaboratives have been vital to our CLCP efforts and to our Regional Partners Network,” said Barbara. “They understand that literacy is the key to strong, successful families, and that it takes many people working together to make a prosperous region.” ■



Barbara Reddick

Chair, Regional Partners Network



Debbie McIntyre

Director, Learning Is For Everyone

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the FY07 Year-End Report, we feature three stories that illustrate our direct and indirect impact on supporting Regional Partnership—a new dimension of collaboration.

We *connect*...



Developed new partnerships: Sheltering Arms, Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Georgia Association on Young Children, Georgia Bar Association Foundation, Truancy Intervention Project, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Economic

Development, and Public Health ■ Served on steering committees or boards: Champions for Children with Exceptional Needs Initiative,

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems,

Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, Kids Net Georgia, Voices for Georgia's Children, GA Afterschool Investment Council, and Community Partnerships for Protecting Children

■ Provided administrative home to First Lady's Foster Family Foundation

■ Spearheaded Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies as new lead agency for Covering Kids and Families Coalition

■ Sponsored Georgia Budget and Policy Institute's Visionary Award luncheon

■ Worked with United Way of Georgia to help communities plan and prepare for disasters

■ Partnered with Georgia Afterschool Investment Council to confront issues of school success in

counties ■ Invited to present to: Legislative Biennial Institute hosted by Carl Vinson Institute; House Committee on Children and Youth

■ Attended more than 15 legislative events

■ Worked jointly with Voices for Georgia's Children on the Children's Health Narrative Project grant

■ Coordinated with Georgia Bar Foundation to share new grant opportunities with counties

■ Coordinated and managed 159 state Family Connection grants to collaboratives

We *cultivate*...



Provided technical assistance to all counties: 819 visits with 4,795 participants

■ Delivered 28 Results Based Facilitation workshops statewide to 1,070 participants

■ Delivered 3 New Coordinator Training sessions to 78 participants

■ Delivered Cultural Competence, Cultural Diversity, Conflict Resolution, Stress Management and Youth Leadership workshops to 307 participants

■ Conducted Georgia KIDS COUNT Tour and PeachCare lunch and learn sessions throughout the state to share data, policy, budget issues affecting child well-being and discussed the need and importance for all children to have access to affordable health coverage: 9 locations: 444 attended

■ Hosted 2 meetings for Georgia KIDS COUNT data providers

■ Provided support to the annual Parent Engagement Day in Region 8: 125 attended

■ Planned for the 2007 Family Connection Conference: developed program, opened registration, surpassed sponsorship goal

■ Developed and delivered Web-based training: DHR Reporting Requirements for FY07

■ Received state appropriations and grants from Annie E. Casey, Robert W. Woodruff, and UPS Foundations to provide technical assistance to all 159 counties

■ Presented Economic Development workshop at the annual Georgia Municipal Association Conference

■ Hosted 2007 Family Connection Summit: 325 attended

A new Professional Development Program was developed by Community Support with coordinator participation. It includes new coordinator training, an online resource directory of partners provided training, workshops offered through audio and Web conferencing, and a series of learning retreats.

Using a collaborative approach, GaFCP worked with collaboratives to create an assessment tool and family engagement model plan to support family engagement activities.

In this section, we highlight milestones in our ongoing projects, initiatives, and work to support the Georgia Family Connection collaboratives and the more than 3,000 partners throughout the Georgia Family Connection network.

We **communicate**...

We **count** what matters most to communities



Disseminated GaFCP FY06 Year-End Report ■ Worked with consultant to develop GaFCP corporate messaging ■ Redesigned layout, published three quarterly Connected e-zines ■ Disseminated KIDS COUNT publications for national and

Georgia release ■ Published 25 issues of Connected to Fund Development alerting counties to 63 funding opportunities ■ Monitored the legislative session: published 12 issues of Connected to Public Policy ■ Hosted weekly conference calls to discuss legislative issues ■ Provided data to state-level partners

GaFCP developed and piloted a Resource Mapping Process with one collaborative. It focused on a community high-priority strategy, and identified programs and activities that were underway to address the strategy, quantified additional un-funded program needs, and developed an approach to identify and acquire the resources to fully implement the strategy.

Members of the evaluation team published a research article titled "Systems Change as an Outcome and a Process in the Work of Community Collaboratives for Health" in the June 2007 issue of the American Journal of Community Psychology, and presented findings at the American Evaluation Association annual conference.

This research, with its longitudinal model for measuring data, has advanced the work of Family Connection and the field of evaluation.



Continued Family Connection Standards process with workgroup comprised of coordinators and GaFCP staff: conducted Standards review and initiated "Proficient" status, 57 counties achieved "Meet

Standards" status without corrective action, 9 counties voluntarily applied for "Proficient" status ■ Streamlined processes and implemented Web-based reporting system for document submission ■ Completed sub-county data initiative report ■ Continued outcome analyses on KIDS COUNT indicators ■ Prepared two Evaluation Snapshots on outcome analyses of teen pregnancy and high school completion ■ Prepared individual collaborative reports based on 2,000 collaborative members surveys ■ Refined progress reporting system ■ Continued to support 9 strategy-level evaluation counties in a multi-year pilot ■ Modified FY07 Self Assessment based on discussion with collaborative representatives ■ Implemented, as part of Web reporting system, a component to track collaborative activity in grant seeking

The 2006 Georgia KIDS COUNT Tour offered counties opportunities to learn about the status of children in Georgia, understand policy legislation that impacts families, and receive an overview of Georgia's budget and spending priorities. Partners from the Georgia KIDS COUNT team, Voices for Georgia's Children, and the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute presented the tour at nine locations across the state.



Finance Report



Bob M. Patterson

Board Treasurer

An essential operational necessity for every organization is consistent financial support and fiscal stability. Georgia Family Connection Partnership has a sound history of fiscal stability due to its executive committee, chief financial officer, multiple funding partners, and the on-going support of the Georgia legislative and executive branches.

The Board of Directors' executive committee takes a discerning and in-depth interest in our financial goals, ensuring that we continue to be good stewards of our funding. Chief Financial Officer Don Walraven provides excellent leadership, overseeing the finance and administration functions for the organization. Our public and private funders provide the blend of funding support that reflects their confidence in our pace-setting work. And the Georgia legislative and executive branches provide continued support to GaFCP, which allows us to support the Family Connection network.

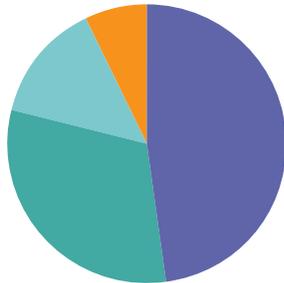
I am pleased to report that in fiscal year 2007, Georgia Family Connection Partnership received an “unqualified opinion” on our audit for the sixth year in a row. This opinion, which is the best opinion an audit can produce, means there were no problems or areas of concerns noted on the final report.

Our diligent staff and our Board's guidance have given us another good year and the continued financial support and stability needed for our mission to improve the well-being of children, families and communities in Georgia.

Yours in a Common Cause,

Dr. Bob Patterson, Treasurer

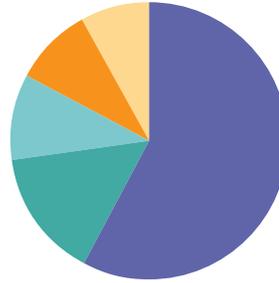
Sources of Revenue FY07



Sources of Revenue FY07

State Partners	48%
Federal Gov't	31%
Private Sector	14%
Miscellaneous	7%

Sources of Expenditures FY07



Sources of Expenditures FY07

Technical Assistance	58%
State Initiatives	15%
Evaluation	10%
Communications	9%
Support	8%

GEORGIA FAMILY CONNECTION PARTNERSHIP

Georgia Family Connection Partnership is a public/private nonprofit created and funded by the State of Georgia and the private sector.

Our Mission is to work in partnership with communities, policymakers, service providers, businesses, advocates, and families to improve the well-being of children, families, and communities in Georgia.

Our Vision is for Georgia's children to be healthy, ready to start and succeed in school, have stable, self-sufficient families, and live in strong communities.

Our Goal as a nonprofit intermediary organization is to work closely with the network of community collaboratives, and state and national partners to:

1. Provide a framework for planning and collaboration to improve results for Georgia's children, families, and communities
2. Build and maintain relationships with public and private agencies and communities to share and combine resources, link priorities, and improve services and supports for families
3. Increase awareness, understanding, and commitment to improve results for Georgia's children and families
4. Identify best practices of community collaboratives and develop capacity for conducting research and evaluation
5. Sustain an effective, accountable organizational structure to support the mission of Family Connection Partnership and leverage resources on behalf of the network of community collaboratives

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Division of Family & Children Services ■ Office of Public Health ■ Department of Juvenile Justice ■ Department of Community Affairs ■ Department of Community Health ■ Department of Education ■ Georgia School To Work ■ Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning ■ Governor's Office of Planning and Budget ■ The Governor's Office of Student Achievement

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Georgia Children's Trust Fund Commission ■ Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities ■ Children and Youth Coordinating Council ■ Georgia Rural Development Council

Universities and Colleges

University of Georgia, College of Family & Consumer Sciences ■ University of Georgia, Carl Vinson Institute of Government and Fanning Institute ■ Emory University School of Law, Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic ■ Valdosta State University, Division of Social Work

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Other Organizations

Smart Start Georgia ■ Better Brains for Babies ■ Communities In Schools of Georgia ■ Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education ■ Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (GCAPP) ■ Georgia Center for Nonprofits ■ Prevent Child Abuse Georgia ■ United Way ■ Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia ■ Voices for Georgia's Children ■ Georgia Afterschool Investment Council ■ Georgia Budget and Policy Institute ■ Georgia Municipal Association ■ Association of County Commissioners of Georgia ■ Latin American Association

New Partners

Sheltering Arms ■ The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta ■ Georgia Association on Young Children ■ Georgia Bar Association Foundation ■ Truancy Intervention Project

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