

Community Outreach

Helping parents support their children.

Fatherhood Program

Through the Fatherhood program, the Division works with parents who are unemployed or underemployed and are, as a result, unable to pay their full child support obligations.

The program connects parents with resources that lead to jobs paying above minimum wage, greater self sufficiency, and more emotional, parental, and financial involvement in the lives of their children. Georgia had the first statewide program in the U.S.

Fatherhood Celebrations

In an effort to raise awareness for the Fatherhood program's ability to help parents meet their child support obligations, the Division hosts outreach events around the state.

These events celebrate the roles fathers play in the lives of their children. It is a fun atmosphere for parents to spend time with their children and to learn about the resources available to improve their ability to support themselves and their families.

Fatherhood Conversations

Each event allows the community to learn more about DCSS processes, the Fatherhood program, community employment opportunities, and community support services. The virtual events also offer a chance to address questions and concerns directly with local DCSS staff members, businesses, and community support resources.

Due to the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, events will be held virtually via YouTube Live and Zoom.

Six conversations were held in Federal Fiscal Year 2023 in Cartersville, Thomasville, Atlanta, Macon, and Savannah.

Contact Information

For information about the Fatherhood program and other outreach services, call **1-877-GADHSGO (1-877-423-4746)**. Custodial and noncustodial parents can apply for services, enter and receive information about their cases, make a payment online or check payment information by using the Customer Online Services portal at **childsupport.ga.gov**. Users receive a password to protect confidentiality.

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Services Offered to Participants

- Job placement
- Skill assessment
- Soft skills training
- GED referral
- Short-term training referral
- Prison paternity testing
- Prison re-entry
- Volunteer opportunities
- Resume writing
- Federal bonding
- Referrals to access and visitation services
- Coaching and mentoring
- Emotional wellness training

Did You Know?

DRIVER'S LICENSES

Fatherhood participants who have had their driver's licenses suspended or who are subject to license suspension for nonpayment of child support have the opportunity to regain driving privileges.

By the Numbers

In Federal Fiscal Year 2023,

92%

of noncustodial parents owing child support in Georgia were fathers



71,943

cases are considered to be hard-to-serve and potentially eligible for an outreach program



4,429

parents were enrolled in the Fatherhood program



1,612

successfully completed the program



9,082

children were served



37

Fatherhood agents administer the program across Georgia



1,298

participants were offered or referred to GED/short-term job training resources