

Community Outreach

Helping parents support their children.

Fatherhood Program

The Georgia Department of Human Services' (DHS) Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) offers the Fatherhood program to assist parents who are unemployed or underemployed and are, as a result, unable to pay their full child support obligations.

The program connects parents to resources that promote greater self-sufficiency and connects them with jobs that pay a higher wage. Through the program, parents achieve more emotional, parental, and financial involvement in the lives of their children. Georgia was the first state in the U.S. to implement a Fatherhood program statewide.

Services Offered to Participants

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

By the Numbers

In Federal Fiscal Year 2025:

- 93%** of noncustodial parents owing child support in Georgia were fathers
- 43** Fatherhood outreach specialists administered the program across Georgia
- 1,426** participants were offered or referred to GED/short-term job training resources
- 68,338** cases were considered hard-to-serve and potentially eligible for an outreach program
- 5,855** parents were enrolled in the Fatherhood program
- 2,511** successfully completed the program
- 11,595** children were served

Fatherhood Outreach Activities

To raise awareness of the Fatherhood program's role in helping parents meet their child support obligations, DCSS works collaboratively on outreach efforts across the state. These initiatives connect parents to resources that support their journey toward self sufficiency. Key activities include prison paternity programs, employer engagement, educational opportunities, emotional wellness support, community collaboration, and relationship-building efforts—all aimed at promoting greater parental involvement and improving access to their child(ren).

Fatherhood Conversations

These virtual events allow the community to learn more about DCSS processes, the Fatherhood program, community employment opportunities, and community support services. During the event, local DCSS staff members, businesses, and community partners answer questions and connect the audience with resources.

Six conversations were held in Federal Fiscal Year 2025 in Albany, Augusta, Cartersville, Macon, Marietta, and Waycross.

Did You Know?

DRIVER'S LICENSES

Fatherhood participants who have had their driver's license suspended or who are subject to license suspension for nonpayment of child support have the opportunity to regain driving privileges. Noncustodial parents can complete a deferral agreement in the DCSS mobile app.

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 must establish a password to protect confidentiality. Customers can connect to the Fatherhood program directly by emailing **fatherhoodinquiry@dhs.ga.gov**.