

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Child Support Services

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 has the only statewide program in the U.S. **Services include:**

- GED classes
- Short-term training
- Volunteer opportunities
- Resume writing
- Federal bonding
- Referrals for access and visitation
- Referrals for legitimization
- Job placement, coaching and mentoring

“FATHERHOOD: A CELEBRATION” EVENTS

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 parents struggling to pay their child support. The Division hosted events in Stockbridge and Valdosta in SFY19 and has additional celebrations planned in Cobb and Houston counties for SFY20.



FATHERHOOD CONVERSATIONS

In an effort to provide child support information to parents who feel uncomfortable attending in-person events in fear of arrest, DCSS began hosting Fatherhood Conversations.

Fatherhood Conversations provide child support information to the general public in a nonthreatening environment. Fatherhood Conversations are interactive and are made available for participation via LiveStream. Some forums allow the public to attend for live engagement. Additional conversations are planned for SFY19.

91%

of noncustodial parents owing child support in Georgia are fathers.

83,040

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

During FFY19,

6,357

parents were enrolled in the Fatherhood program, supporting **11,063** children.

27

Fatherhood agents across Georgia

2,196

noncustodial parents enrolled in General Education Development (GED) classes through the Fatherhood program.

2,530

participants successfully completed the program.



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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For information about the Georgia Fatherhood program and other community outreach services, call **1-844-MYGADHS (1-844-694-2347)**. Custodial and noncustodial parents may

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 **www.dcss.dhs.georgia.gov**. Users receive a password to protect confidentiality.

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