

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Child Support Services

Community Outreach

Helping parents support their children.

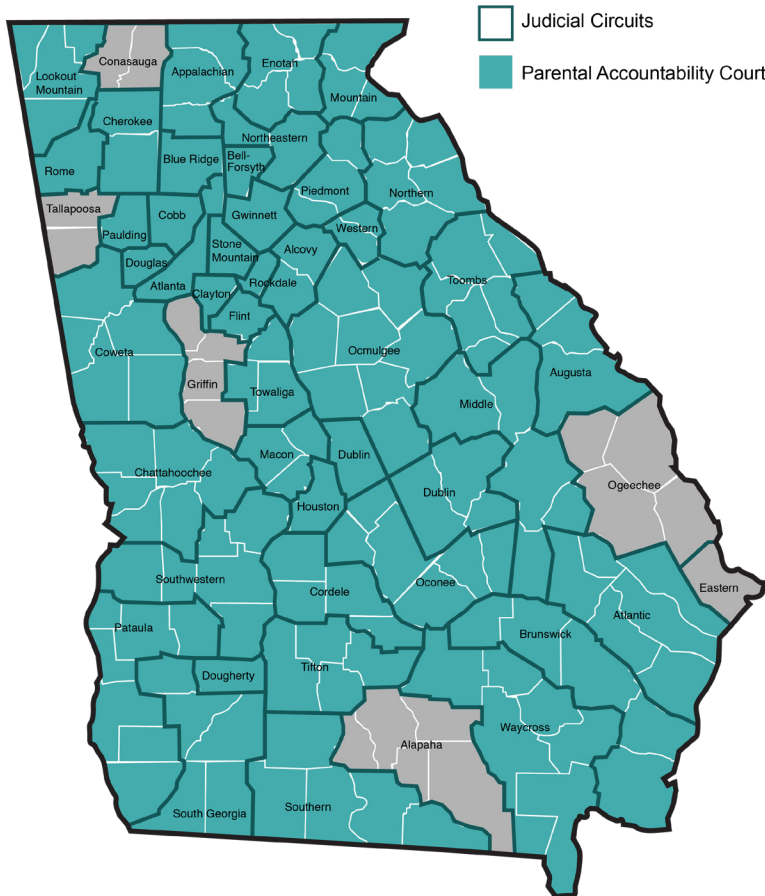


Parental Accountability Court Program

The Parental Accountability Court (PAC) program is a joint effort of the Division and Superior Court Judges to offer an alternative to incarceration and to help chronic nonpayers of child support make regular payments. The program uses community resources and judicial oversight to address barriers that keep parents from meeting their support obligations. Each program, including services provided to participants, is tailored to the needs of the local community. Superior Court Judges provide judicial oversight and collaborate with PAC coordinators to implement the program. PAC coordinators connect participants to existing community resources.

Judicial Circuits Served by Parental Accountability Courts

Parental Accountability Courts are in operation in 43 judicial circuits across the state. The Division's goal is to establish PACs in all 49 judicial circuits.



SERVICES OFFERED TO PARTICIPANTS

- Volunteer work opportunities
- Literacy training
- Job assistance/placement
- Mental health services
- Clinical assessments
- Substance abuse treatment
- Coaching/mentoring
- Additional services specific to each local community

BY THE NUMBERS

Since SFY 2009, the Parental Accountability Court program has helped

3,910

noncustodial parents who were at risk of incarceration avoid jail time and provide much needed support to

10,924

of Georgia's children. Program participants paid an estimated

\$10.2M

in support, which, in return, has saved the state millions in incarceration costs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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