

Resource Toolkit for Child Advocates

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Case Scenario

- You are appointed to a case involving three children: Michael (14), Eva (8) and Devon (3)
- How do you begin your independent assessment of the case? How will you determine what recommendations advance the child(ren)'s best interests? What are available sources of information?



Independent Investigation & Advocacy

- Agency responsibilities
- Education
- Placement resources
- Relative connections
- Physical, mental, emotional health needs
- Others?
 - Immigration
 - Youth engagement



DFCS Policy & Forms

- DFCS Policy:
 - odis.dhs.ga.gov
- DFCS Forms:
 - <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/dfcs-forms-online>
 - Or just Google “DFCS forms”



Education Resources

- DFCS Educational Programming, Assessment and Consultation (EPAC):
<http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/educational-programming-assessment-and-consultation-epac>
- State Education Rules:
<http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/Pages/PEABoardRules.aspx>
 - Tribunals
- District Resources:
<http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/District-Resources.aspx>
 - McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
 - Title I, Part A services



Placement and Child Care Resources

- Georgia Dep't of Early Care and Learning (DECAL):
<http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/ChildCareServicesMain.aspx>
or 1-877-ALL-GA-KIDS
- Out-of-Home Care:
<https://www.gascore.com/>
- Facility Location and Information Guide: www.ors.dhr.state.ga.us



Absent Parents

- Federal Parent Locator Service:
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/newhire/> (accessible by DFCS)
- Putative Father Registry:
<https://dph.georgia.gov/putative-father-registry>
- “Accurint” database – accessible by DFCS
- Georgia Corrections Prisoners:
<http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/GDC/OffenderQuery/jsp/OffQryForm.jsp>
- To find any person:
www.switchboard.com
- “Family Finding” and similar services



Caregiver Support

- Georgia Center for Resources and Support: www.gaadoptionresources.org
- Foster Care Support Foundation: <http://www.fostercares.org/>
- Project Healthy Grandparents: <http://nursing.gsu.edu/phg/>
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: <https://dhs.georgia.gov/grandparents-raising-grandchildren>
- ForeverFamily: <http://www.foreverfam.org/>



Mental & Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

- Marcus Autism Center:
www.marcus.org
- Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities: www.aadd.org
- Georgia Crisis & Access Line:
<http://www.mygcal.com/> / 800-715-GCAL (4225)
- DailyMed (package inserts):
www.dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/
- AACAP Facts for Families:
https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/FFF-Guide/FFF-Guide-Home.aspx



Immigration

- Catholic Charities Atlanta, Inc.:
www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org > “Services”
→ “immigration legal services”
- Latin American Association:
<http://www.thelaa.org/>
- Dep't of State: www.state.gov
- U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Diplomatic Missions:
www.usembassy.state.gov
- Mexican Consulate in Atlanta:
www.consulmexatlanta.org / ph: 404-266-2233
- Google “consulates, atlanta” ...



Youth Engagement

- Youth Advocacy:
 - Georgia EmpowerMENT Group
 - Multi-Agency Alliance for Children (MAAC):
<http://maac4kids.org/learn-about-georgia-empowerment.html>
 - VOX Teen Communications:
<http://www.voxatl.com/>
- LGBTQ Youth:
 - Lost-n-Found Youth: <https://lnfy.org/>
 - Georgia Equality:
<http://www.georgiaequality.org>
 - JUSTUsATL: <http://www.justusatl.org>



Advocacy

- Georgia General Assembly:
<http://www.legis.state.ga.us/>
- JUSTGeorgia: www.justga.org
- VOICES for Georgia's Children:
www.georgiavoices.org
- Barton Center listserv – sign up
@ www.bartoncenter.net



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