



## Strengthening Families Georgia (SFG)

### Accomplishments 2015 - 2016 Contract Period

#### Training Activities:

- **SFG Overview On-line Training Module:**

This online training module, funded by Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) via a contract with the Georgia Association on Young Children (GAYC), went live on October 1, 2012. Total number of DECAL Quality Rated center staff trained for this contract year:

<b>October – December 2015:</b>	<b>1709</b>
<b>January – March 2016:</b>	<b>1646</b>
<b>April – June 2016:</b>	<b>1377</b>
<b>July – September 2016:</b>	<b>1328</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>6060</u></b> (5362 trained in 2014-15)

- **Strengthening Families Georgia Online Training Module – Connections: The Foundation of Family Engagement:**

This new one hour online course funded by DECAL was approved by DECAL and received Training Approval on September 30, 2016.

- **SFG Overview and Protective Factor Training:**

The SFG Train the Trainer (TOT) course was developed by SFG in September 2011 and is offered annually to independent trainers and trainers from child and family serving organizations. The TOT was developed based on the six Protective Factor modules developed during the 2010-11 grant year. Completion of Year 4 (September 2015) included revising the modules and updating with new information and documents from CSSP and SFG. Year 5 which began October 1, 2015 included updating the six modules and the TOT with new CSSP and SFG resources and submitting the content for the five year revision of the SFG modules to the Georgia Training Approval System. Total number trained:

<b>October – December 2015:</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>January – March 2015:</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>April – June 2015:</b>	<b>302</b>
<b>July – September 2015:</b>	<b>209</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>710</u></b> (527 trained in 2014-15)

- **2016 2 SFG Training for Trainers:** 42
- **SFG TOT for Project LAUNCH:** 18
- **TOTAL:** **60**

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### Conferences/Technical Assistance Activities:

- **October 28, 2015:** GA Alliance to End Homelessness Conference, Savannah, GA
- **November 20, 2015:** NAEYC Annual Conference, Orlando, FL
- **February 6, 2016:** Georgia DOE Family Engagement Conference, Athens, GA
- **April 13, 2016:** Child Abuse Prevention Day at 2 Peachtree, Atlanta, GA
- **May 14, 2016:** American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Community Based Panel™: Bright Future Quality Improvement Project Learning Session, Atlanta, GA
- **August 22, 2016:** Great Start Georgia Home Visiting Institute, Peachtree City, GA
- **September 15, 2016:** PCA Georgia Conference, Atlanta, GA
- **September 23, 2016:** Georgia Association on Young Children (GAYC) Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
- **September 28, 2016:** Project Launch Professional Development Conference Columbus, GA

### Outreach and Strategic Plan Activities:

#### **Materials:**

1. SFG Fact Sheet distributed at all SFG training sessions
2. SFG newsletters for professionals (2) and parents (1) developed and distributed
3. SFG Posters and Postcards for Parents developed, produced and distributed to SFG partners and community contacts via conferences, reprints and e-mail
4. Developed and produced a ten-year anniversary ad for the 2016 GAYC Annual Conference program
5. Updated all SFG Train the Trainer and module materials for 2016; Bright from the Start five-year approval granted
6. Child Abuse Prevention Month Materials distributed to Partnership including 2016 Resource Guides, Activity Calendars and Parent Tip Sheets (Website links via e-mail). Added DOE November as Parent Engagement Month materials link to the website
7. Distributed and incorporated several updated and new materials developed by CSSP in 2015
8. SFG website updated on a regular basis including current news, SFG training resources, a quarterly Spotlight on Partners, and all materials developed in 2016. Total number of visits: 3880.
9. Developed document: *Recommended Timeline/Process for Creating the 2017-22 Strategic Plan*

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### **Leadership Growth, Development and Sustainability:**

1. Conducted three SFG Leadership Team and two SFG Partnership meetings
2. Governance, Strategic Planning and Resource Development committees met regularly and guided SFG's future work; Evaluation committee continued to guide SFG evaluation activities. All committees developed a Plan of Work for the year.
3. Added the following representatives to the SFG Partnership:
  - Cheryl Benefield, Georgia Department of Education, Project AWARE (LT)
  - Hanah Goldberg, Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS, Partnership)
4. Participated in Project LAUNCH grant - funded
5. Participated in CDC Essentials for Childhood (EfC)
6. Participated in Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education, Project FREE Grant University of Georgia, Cooperative Extension – funded
7. Partnership and three TOT sessions developed a Tip Sheet: *Ways to Embed Strengthening Families into Your Organization*
8. Developed a plan to embed Strengthening Families into Technical Colleges
9. Defined parent leadership to set the stage for future work
10. Created list of policies and procedures needed to facilitate effective and efficient operations of the SFG Initiative

### **Evaluation:**

1. SFG Strategic Plan was updated to reflect all activities accomplished in 2015-2016 including evaluation activities
2. Evaluation activities for this contract year included:
  - Updated 2015-2016 draft Evaluation Plan for approval by Leadership Team
  - Leadership Team completed all FINANCE PROJECT elements, tally results and provided data to Evaluation Consultants
  - SFG partner agencies completed training and technical assistance portion of Partner Survey to cover the time period of January 1 – June 30, 2015
  - Full SFG Partner Survey was distributed in January 2016 to cover the time period of January 1 – December 31, 2015 and training and technical assistance for July 1 – December 31, 2015
  - Evaluation Consultants reviewed and reported Partner Survey results in-person and via written report to Evaluation Committee
  - Evaluation Consultants identified key findings from three-years of Partner Survey data and discussed with Leadership Team with suggestions for 2016-17 contract year

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### **National Activities:**

1. Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) 2015 annual report was submitted February 2016 which included a Survey Monkey survey (completed online) and an overview of SFG Partnership activities
2. Attended all monthly CSSP/Strengthening Families state networking calls
3. Georgia was asked to participate in the September 8, 2016 2016 CSSP Technical Assistance networking call. Participating states were asked to speak on challenges and success of their Strengthening Families initiatives



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