



Strengthening Families Georgia (SFG)

Accomplishments 2014 - 2015 Contract Period

Training:

- **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:

October – December 2014:	1324
January – March 2015:	1808
April – June 2015:	1027
July – September 2015:	1203
TOTAL:	<u>5362</u>

- **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 6 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 will begin October 1, 2015 will include updating the 6 modules and the TOT with new CSSP and SFG resources and submitting the content for the 5 year revision of the SFG modules to the Georgia Training Approval System.

October – December 2014:	109
January – March 2015:	109
April – June 2015:	143
July – September 2015:	166
TOTAL:	<u>527</u>

- **2015 SFG: Training for Trainers (2):**

Total trained: **44**

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Conferences/Technical Assistance Activities:

- **Fulton County Juvenile Court, Judge Bradley J. Boyd:** April 14, 2015: Strengthening Families Overview presented
- **Georgia Head Start Conference:** May 14, 2015: Parental Resilience module presented
- **SFG Poster Presentation: System of Care Academy,** July 14-16, 2015: The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities' Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families and the Georgia Interagency Directors Team
- **Gwinnett County DFCS:** July 23, 2015: Strengthening Families Overview presented to DFCS staff, advisory board and community partners
- **University of Georgia/ Extension Service, Healthy Relationship and Marriage Education (HRME):** After a detailed presentation by Ted Furtis, the SFG Leadership Team agreed to support UGA's federal funding request to ACF which includes a SFG Parent TOT
- **Prevent Child Abuse Georgia Annual Conference:** September 10, 2015: Strengthening Families Overview presented
- **Georgia Association on Young Children (GAYC):** Strengthening Families presented to the GAYC Board of Directors, June 2015 and at the Annual GAYC Conference, September 26, 2015

Outreach and Strategic Plan Activities:

Materials:

1. SFG Fact Sheet distributed at all SFG training sessions
2. SFG newsletters for professionals (2) and parents (2) developed and distributed
3. Updated all SFG Train the Trainer and module materials for 2015
4. Child Abuse Prevention Month Materials distributed to Partnership including 2015 Resource Guides, Activity Calendars and Parent Tip Sheets (Website links via e-mail), 2015 Flash Mob Letter, and 2015 Bulletin Insert
5. Distributed and incorporated several updated and new materials developed by CSSP in 2015
6. Completed SFG website; site went live in June 2015

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Leadership Growth, Development and Sustainability:

1. Conducted four SFG Leadership Team and two SFG Partnership meetings
2. Participated in Family Engagement Taskforce meetings convened by the Department of Early Care and Education
3. Participated in CDC Essentials for Childhood webinars and work group meetings
4. Participated in Project LAUNCH environmental scan and other planning activities
5. Participated in Early Learning Challenge – Race to the Top led by the Department of Early Care and Learning
6. Several SFG Partners participated in the Great Start Georgia Professional Development and Core Competency work groups and Home Visiting Institute (August 2015)
7. Provided technical assistance to the GA Alliance to End Homelessness to integrate the Strengthening Families framework into their annual conference agenda
8. Provided technical assistance to Gwinnett County DFCS Director to embed the protective factor framework into DFCS staff training
9. Created Governance, Strategic Planning and Resource Development committees to guide SFG's future work; Evaluation committee continued to guide SFG evaluation activities
10. Added the following representatives to the SFG Partnership:
 - Helen McCroskey, United Way of Greater Atlanta - LT
 - Laurel Beckham, Georgia Association on Young Children - LT
 - Amy Park, Georgia Department of Education – LT
 - Benita Moore, Technical College System of Georgia - LT

Evaluation:

1. SFG Strategic Plan was updated to reflect all activities accomplished in 2014-2015 including evaluation activities
2. Partner Survey was conducted in January 2015 for 2014 calendar year
3. Partner Survey was conducted in August 2015 for Training and Technical Assistance activities for the reporting period of January 1 – June 30, 2015
4. Evaluation Committee met to review Partner Survey results
5. Evaluators submitted a 2014 Partner Survey Executive Summary and Final Report
6. Element 2 of the Finance Project was completed to assist in sustainability.

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National Activities:

1. Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) 2014 annual report was submitted February 2015 which included:
 - a. Survey Monkey (completed online) – an overview of SFG Partnership activities
 - b. Financial Survey – reported on SFG funding and in-kind support
2. Attended all monthly CSSP/Strengthening Families state networking calls
3. Center for the Study of Social Policy: Request for Information: QRIS, September 14, 2015:

Georgia was asked to complete a survey on revisions made to our QRIS system. CSSP was interested in hearing from states on their thoughts on what the opportunities are for CSSP in promoting approaches and reaching more early care and education providers so they can best support the families they serve.



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