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Strengthening Families Georgia (SFG)

Accomplishments 2016 - 2017 Contract Period

Goal One: Embed the Strengthening Families framework into all systems serving families with young children from the state level to community-based services

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 for the Education of Young Children (GAEYC), went live on October 1, 2012. In 2014 the SFG Overview was translated into Spanish and became available online. Total number of DECAL Quality Rated center staff trained for this contract period:

➤ October – December 2016	1459
➤ January – March 2017	1417
➤ April – June 2017	1606/7 (/Spanish)
➤ July – September 2017	1555
TOTAL	<u>6044</u>

- **SFG Overview and Protective Factor Training**

The SFG Train the Trainer (TOT) course was developed by SFG in September 2011 and is offered to independent trainers and trainers from child and family serving organizations. The TOT was developed based on the SFG Overview and five protective factor modules developed during the 2010-11 grant year. Year Five which began October 1, 2015 included updating the six modules and the TOT with new CSSP and SFG resources and submitting revisions to the Georgia Training Approval System. Total number trained this contract period:

➤ October – December 2015	205
➤ January – March 2015	298
➤ April – June 2015	74
➤ July – September 2015	161
TOTAL	<u>738</u>

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- **Strengthening Families Georgia Online Training Module – Connections: The Foundation of Family Engagement**
This one hour online course was funded by DECAL and received Training Approval on September 30, 2016. This course provides DECAL Quality Rated staff with family engagement information on the protective factor social connections. It includes strategies and resources center staff can use to encourage relationships.
- **SFG Protective Factors for Parents and Community Leaders Train the Trainer**
With funding from GAEYC, The SFG parent modules, originally developed with funding from United Way of Greater Atlanta, were revised to develop the SFG Training of Trainers: Protective Factors for Parent and Community Leaders. The TOT's were conducted for University of Georgia - Project FREE and Department of Public Health - Project LAUNCH staff in 2017. Additional training sessions will be offered as grant funding is secured.

- **September 26-27, 2017: SFG TOT for Project LAUNCH** 15
- **May 19 & September 15, 2017: SFG TOT for Project FREE** 15

TOTAL **30**

- **SFG Orientation PowerPoint** presentation developed for new partners and GAEYC board members.
- **Conference Presentations**
 - **October 13, 2016:** Boy Scouts of America, Atlanta Area Council Symposium, Atlanta, GA
 - **November 3, 2016:** Georgia Conference on Children and Families, Augusta, GA
 - **May 11, 2017:** Georgia Head Start Association Spring Conference, St. Simons Island, GA
 - **June 29, 2017:** 10th Annual Georgia Academy System of Care, Stone Mountain, GA

Resources and Public Awareness

- SFG Fact Sheet updated and distributed at all SFG training sessions and community events
- SFG newsletters for professionals (2) and parents (2) developed; distributed to Partners and mailing lists on Constant Contact
- The following SFG documents were translated into Spanish submitted for inclusion to the CSSP registry of translated materials available to the SF network:
 - SFG Fact Sheet
 - SFG Logic Model
 - SFG Resources You Can Use
 - SFG Ways to Embed
 - SFG Poster for Parents
 - SFG Postcard for Parents

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- Project LAUNCH in the Muscogee County area printed and will distribute 8,000 English and 4,000 Spanish SFG Posters and Postcards for Parents (Project LAUNCH logo and SAMHSA statements added).
- Child Abuse Prevention Month Materials distributed to Partnership including 2017 Resource Guides, Activity Calendars and Parent Tip Sheets.
- Added DOE November 2016 as Parent Engagement Month materials link to the website.
- Distributed and incorporated into SFG new materials developed by CSSP in 2017.
- Updated the Georgia Strengthening Families State Profile for the CCSP website
- SFG website (www.strengtheningfamiliesga.net) was updated and includes current news, SFG training resources, a quarterly Spotlight on Partners, and all materials developed in 2017. Total number of 2016-17 visits: **6186**.

Goal Two: Unify ECE, child health and development, child welfare, and family support sectors to promote strengths-based approaches to working with families.

Leadership Growth and Sustainability

- Conducted three SFG Leadership Team and two SFG Partnership meetings
- Governance, Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Resource Development committees met regularly and guided SFG's current and future work
- Added the following representatives to the SFG Partnership:
 - Lindsey Dale, Department of Family and Children Services
 - Duanne Davis, Parent Leader
 - David Fleming, Quality Care for Children
 - Beverly Fortson, CDC
 - Jeannine Galloway, Department of Public Health
 - Jewell Gooding, Mental Health America of Georgia
 - Katrina Mitchell, Department of Family and Children Services
 - Liz Munoz, Georgia State University
 - Kim Ross, Department of Public Health
 - Julia Rusert, Parent Leader
 - Mula Xavier, Parent to Parent of Georgia
- Participated in Project LAUNCH Grant
- Participated in CDC Essentials for Childhood (EfC)
- Participated in Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education, Project FREE Grant through the University of Georgia, Cooperative Extension
- Implementing a plan to embed Strengthening Families into Technical Colleges

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Goal Three: Use Strengthening Families framework to guide policy and decision-making.

SFG Strategic Plan 2017-22

- Throughout this contract period, the SFG 2017– 22 Strategic Plan was drafted then finalized with the guidance of the Strategic Planning Committee, the SFG Partnership and a Strategic Planning consultant.

Evaluation

- Activities for this contract year included:
 - SFG Leadership Team Survey conducted on October 2017 – 95% participation
 - Focus groups were conducted by SFG Evaluation consultants on January 18, 2017 and March 1, 2017. Seventeen Partners participated
 - An SFG Partner survey was conducted on March 1, 2017
 - Evaluation Consultants reviewed and reported results in-person and via written report to Evaluation Committee and Leadership Team
 - Evaluation Consultants and Evaluation Committee identified key findings from four years of Survey data and discussed suggestions for 2017-18 contract year with Leadership Team
 - Evaluation Consultants worked with the SFG Strategic Planning consultant as the SFG Strategic Planning process took place



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