



# Building a Better World

One Child at a Time



**GEORGIA CENTER  
FOR CHILD ADVOCACY**

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2024 Impact Report





Our mission is to champion the needs of sexually and severely physically abused children through prevention, intervention, therapy and collaboration.

Dear Friends,

2024 brought unexpected challenges to the **Georgia Center for Child Advocacy**, yet it also showcased our resilience and ability to adapt in the face of adversity. We are proud of how our team and community came together to overcome obstacles and continue our vital work.

When our DeKalb County location experienced damage from a sewage and water leak, we saw an opportunity for collaboration. Our staff seamlessly integrated into the Fulton County office, fostering stronger connections between teams while repairs were completed over a 6-month period. In late September, Hurricane Helene made landfall the night before our Cheer for Children Ball fundraising event. Faced with power outages and floods across Metro-Atlanta, we were fortunate to be able to move forward and host the event to raise funds for our critical services. Despite these setbacks, we remain deeply grateful for all that we accomplished last year and for the many individuals who supported us along the way.

Our staff's dedication shone brightly throughout the year. They initiated a food drive challenge, addressing immediate needs of families in crisis. Our therapists completed a new certification to deliver a short-term therapy, enhancing our trauma-treatment program offerings. Because of our high demand for prevention education training throughout April's Child Abuse Prevention Month, our team created an extension of our popular Prevention Palooza to provide more free trainings in October.

We completed the final year of our 2022-2024 Strategic Plan - establishing a successful Child & Family Advocacy Program, improving online engagement and community outreach, and increasing efforts to diversify income streams. While facing uncertainty surrounding federal funding, we are proud to have ended the year with a balanced budget. The unwavering support from our partners, the tireless dedication of our Board Members, and the generous financial contributions from our donors have been instrumental in our success.

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for all we accomplished and for the many individuals that helped us transform unexpected changes into powerful opportunities for healing and growth. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey and making a lasting difference in the lives of our children and families. We look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead and the positive impact we will continue to make together.

With Heartfelt Appreciation,

Sheila Ryan  
CEO



# Intervention

We play a vital role in supporting children and families through conducting **forensic interviews** primarily living in DeKalb and Fulton counties. When an allegation of abuse arises, our highly trained staff conduct interviews that provide children with a safe, confidential space to share their account. This approach not only captures critical information, but also minimizes secondary trauma during disclosure. We act as a central hub for state agencies and community partners, facilitating collaboration through bi-weekly **multidisciplinary team meetings**. This coordination ensures that every case is managed with care, efficiency, and a focus on the child's well-being. Our skilled interviewers are also able to provide **expert testimony** in court, as well as work with law enforcement to provide proper training on working with children who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and abuse.

- Conducted **3** Child Victim Courses, consisting of CSEC and Child Abuse Protocol Trainings, for law enforcement at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center
- Presented to the new class of social workers for **the DeKalb County School System** - educating them about GCCA, forensic interviewing, and the importance of collaboration with MDT partners
- Successfully concluded a 3-year grant project in partnership with **the National Children's Alliance**. In August, we hosted our grant specialist during a two-day site visit to tour our centers and share the impact of our intervention programming
- **63%** of our forensic interviews involved allegations of child sexual abuse or assault

"The GCCA and its relationship with the DeKalb county District Attorney's Office has been an invaluable partnership. The ease at which we are able to request forensic interviews to be conducted in a professional manner is seamless. During trial preparation, the forensic interviewers are always prepared for testimony. The bi-monthly Multidisciplinary Team Meeting is run smoothly by MS. Hurey, and all participants are able to express their opinions in a respectful and collaborative manner."

Kendall A. Ham  
DeKalb Co. DA Office's CCU Supervising Investigator

639  
FORENSIC INTERVIEWS  
CONDUCTED

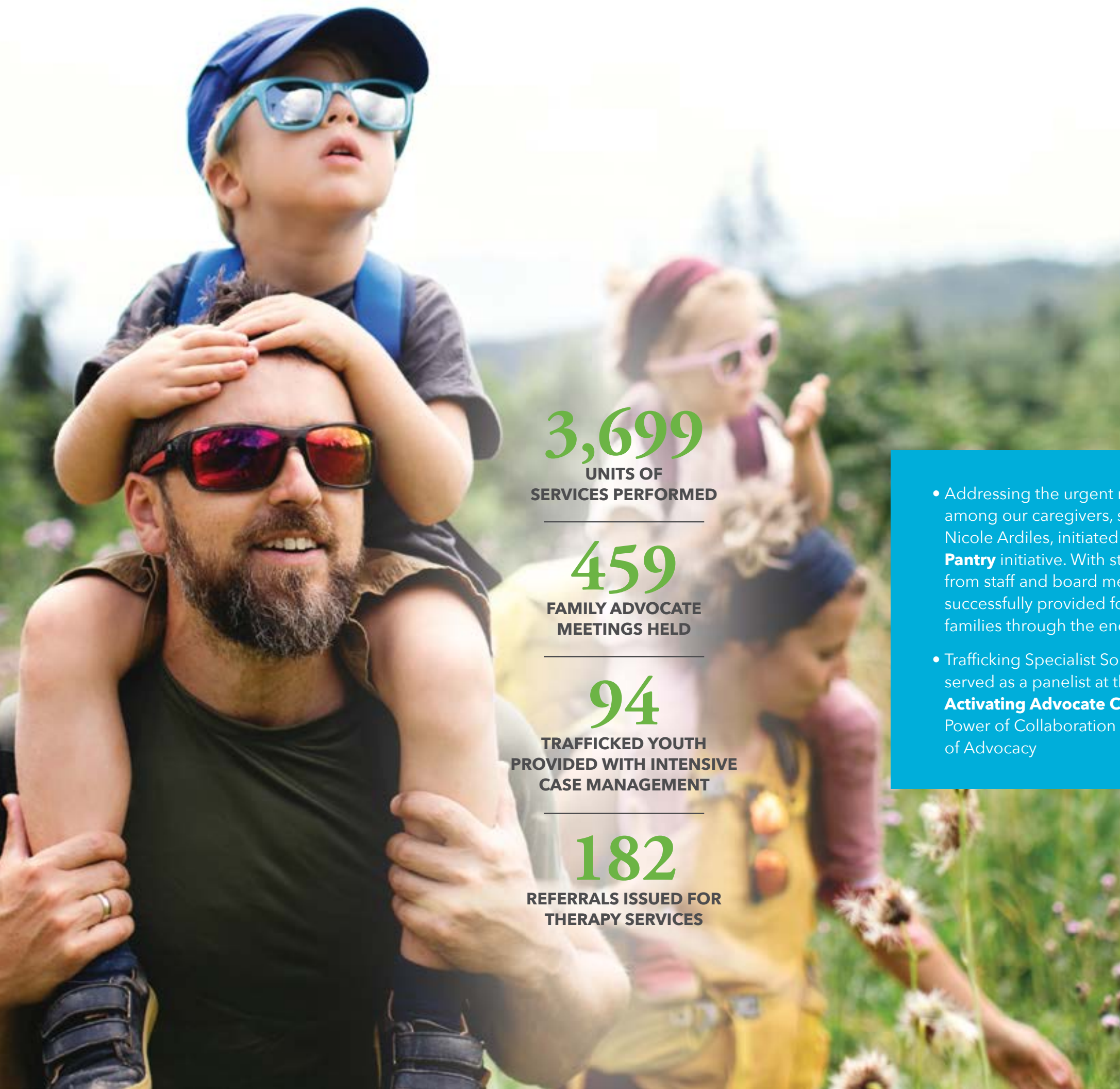
7,520  
UNITS OF SERVICE  
TO ENSURE ONGOING  
SAFETY & WELL-BEING

853  
REFERRALS FROM  
51 UNIQUE SOURCES,  
REPRESENTING 18  
DISTINCT COUNTIES

461  
ONGOING CASES OF  
ABUSE MANAGED ACROSS  
45 MDT MEETINGS

31  
COURT PREP MEETING  
WITH DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY OFFICES





3,699

UNITS OF  
SERVICES PERFORMED

459

FAMILY ADVOCATE  
MEETINGS HELD

94

TRAFFICKED YOUTH  
PROVIDED WITH INTENSIVE  
CASE MANAGEMENT

182

REFERRALS ISSUED FOR  
THERAPY SERVICES

## Child & Family Advocacy

As a CAC we address not only the trauma of abuse but also the fundamental needs of the entire family. When abuse occurs, it often disrupts a family's stability, creating challenges that extend far beyond the immediate crisis. Since its launch in 2022, the Child and Family Advocacy program has responded to the increasing and complex needs of the families we serve. Advocates continue to partner with community agencies and adapt our resource offerings to respond to those needs. Our advocates address basic needs such as housing, food, and safety. By stabilizing these essentials, we create the foundation needed for families to begin the healing process.

- Addressing the urgent need for food among our caregivers, staff member, Nicole Ardiles, initiated the **GCCA Food Pantry** initiative. With strong support from staff and board members, we successfully provided food assistance to families through the end of the year
- Trafficking Specialist Sophia Thomas served as a panelist at the **Wellspring Activating Advocate Conference: The Power of Collaboration & Coordination of Advocacy**
- Director of Advocacy Services, Latoya Mitchell served as a panelist on the **Crime Victims' Rights Panel Discussion** presented by the Office of Victim Services where they discussed options, services, and hope for crime victims
- Individual support accounted for **38%** of service provision, which includes direct contact with caregivers through in-person meetings and follow-up communications including phone calls, email and texts

"Mrs. Sophia treated me with respect, kindness and empathy. She listened to me, comforted me and even let me cry without judgement. She is also one of the reasons why I'm able to move forward with hope. I can't thank her enough on how much I'm grateful to have her support in my life. People like her gives us parents hope, especially when we are feeling like all hope is gone."

Caregiver



# Therapy

GCCA is dedicated to each child’s long-term recovery, providing them with the resources and support needed to build a healthy future. Our free, trauma- informed therapy services provide vulnerable children with essential mental health care. By offering therapy in-person and virtually, we remove barriers to access and create an environment where children are more likely to engage consistently in their treatment. Through our Accessible Pathways and Caregiver initiatives, we’ve expanded our reach by offering family events, specialized therapy, caregiver groups, and extended service hours to better accommodate families’ needs. Our specially trained therapists create a safe space for children to heal, find hope, and reclaim their childhoods.

- The **Leaps and Bounds Program** is continuing to rise to meet the needs of our community, with 22% of our clients referred for PSB. In response, we trained 612 community professionals in PSB to expand our outreach and training efforts
- Among the youth clients that successfully completed treatment, **97%** of them experienced a meaningful, significant reduction in trauma symptoms and no longer met the symptom criteria of PTSD
- Clinical staff began to offer an alternative evidence-based therapy, the **Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI)**. This short-term treatment helps increase access to early interventions to reduce traumatic stress symptoms and help prevent the development of PTSD

“I love the openness of the group and being able to relate to others. Thank you for providing a safe and judgement free environment.”

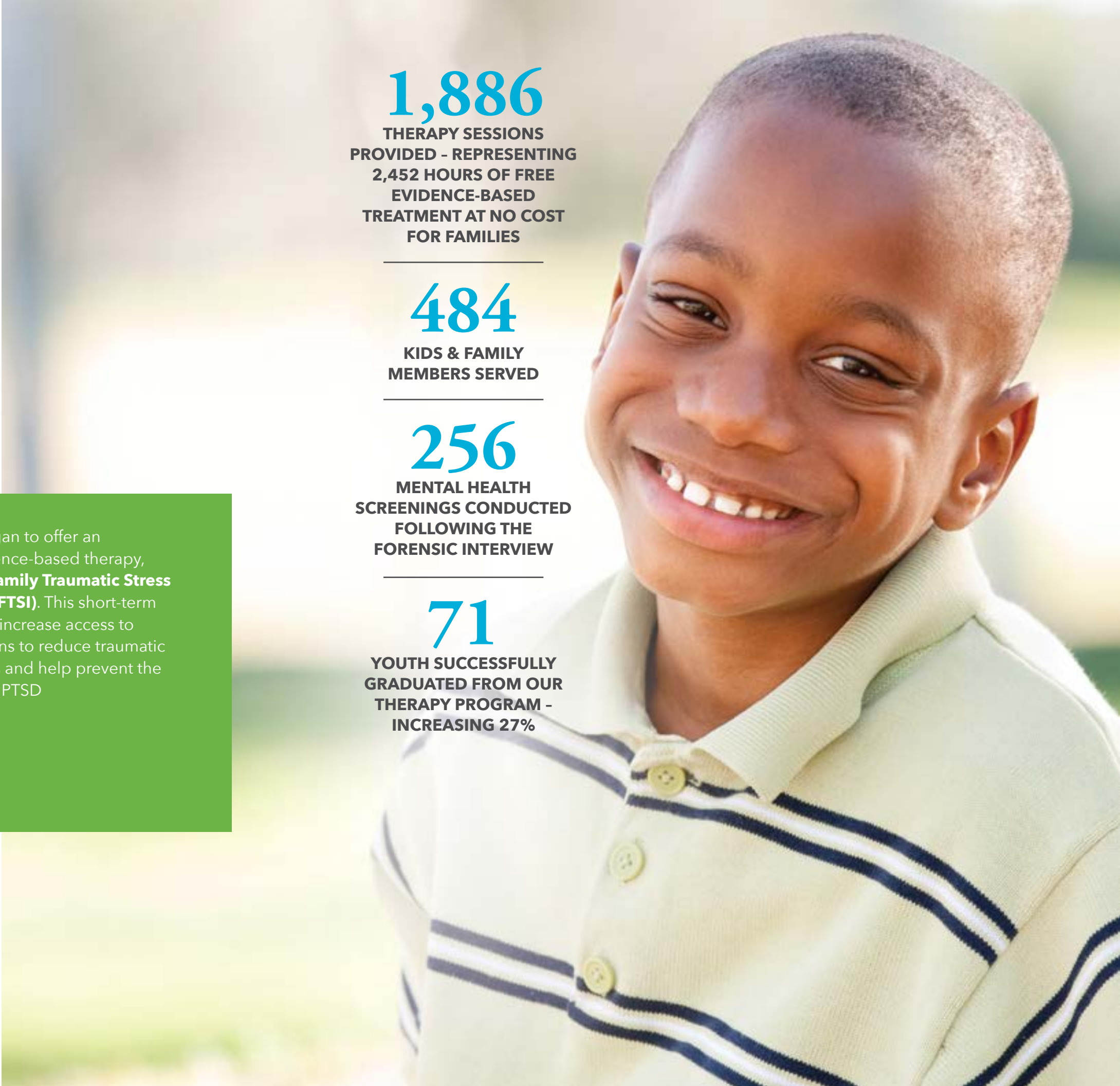
Caregiver

1,886  
THERAPY SESSIONS  
PROVIDED - REPRESENTING  
2,452 HOURS OF FREE  
EVIDENCE-BASED  
TREATMENT AT NO COST  
FOR FAMILIES

484  
KIDS & FAMILY  
MEMBERS SERVED

256  
MENTAL HEALTH  
SCREENINGS CONDUCTED  
FOLLOWING THE  
FORENSIC INTERVIEW

71  
YOUTH SUCCESSFULLY  
GRADUATED FROM OUR  
THERAPY PROGRAM -  
INCREASING 27%







8,000+

EDUCATED ON CHILDHOOD  
ABUSE & TRAUMA, PROTECTIVE  
MEASURES, AND HEALTHY  
BEHAVIORS TO INCREASE  
RESILIENCY

680

STUDENTS TRAINED  
STATEWIDE IN LOVE146-  
NOT A NUMBER'S CHILD  
TRAFFICKING  
AND EXPLOITATION  
PREVENTION COURSE

525

ATTENDED FREE TRAININGS  
DURING APRIL'S PREVENTION  
PALOOZA & PREVENTOBERFEST

400

ATTENDED THE GEORGIA  
CONFERENCE ON CHILD  
ABUSE & NEGLECT

## Prevention & Education

Our statewide Prevention & Education Program aims to prevent child sexual abuse, reduce childhood trauma, and promote healthy outcomes in Georgia through a collaborative effort that equips adults with awareness, education, and resources to take action. This initiative raises awareness by conducting trainings and engaging communities at the local level. Since 2006, this program has transitioned from a single-focused program to now a comprehensive, multi-dimensional program that performs a variety of trainings - recognizing how layering our efforts results in enriched protections for children. These trainings not only empower adults with the knowledge to recognize and respond to abuse but also foster a culture of prevention within communities, creating safer environments for children. By leveraging partnerships with over 1,600 trainers, the program continues to expand its reach and impact statewide. Since inception, these trainers have reached the incredible milestone of providing child abuse prevention trainings to over 212,000 Georgians across the state.

- The GCCA Prevention & Education Program Manager, Nikki Berger, was appointed to serve on the **Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Board** by Governor Brian Kemp
- Co-hosted the **2024 Georgia Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect: "Lean on Me;"** promoting community support and collaboration for professionals working to protect children and families
- Over 1,000 adults were educated in child sexual abuse in **Spanish** in 2024
- As members of the Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force, GCCA helped develop a **"Conversations with an Expert"** series to educate professionals across the state about Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and trafficking

"Your training did a wonderful job of highlighting trauma and how it affects the developing brain. Staff loved the mixture of lecture, videos and interaction."

Gilbert H. Gragg Library /  
The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System



# Response Training Program

This statewide program aims to strengthen local community’s response to childhood trauma through training, supervision, peer review, and consultation. Research highlights that ongoing supervision after initial forensic interview training significantly improves the quality of interviews and court testimonies. Director Mary Beth Nelson, LCSW, has been instrumental in supporting CACs, District Attorney’s Offices, lawyers, DFCS, law enforcement, and other professionals working with at-risk children across Georgia.

While it is bittersweet to announce the program’s conclusion, we are proud to celebrate Mary Beth’s new role with the National Children’s Advocacy Center and to reflect on her program’s remarkable impact on Georgia’s response to child abuse and maltreatment.

- Held three **Legal Training: Forensic Interviews What You Need to Know** trainings for attorneys working with children in maltreatment
- Developed and launched pilot **The Child Forensic Interview: Your Key to a Comprehensive Investigation**, a training for law enforcement investigating child victims or child witnesses to crimes
- Presented at 20 conferences and groups. Mary Beth worked with the **Modell Consulting Group** to help train adult protective service workers in Montana, partnered with Dr. Verena Brown to provide keynote speech at the **Boy Scouts Conference** on the process of disclosure, and presented at the **Children’s Justice Conference** in Spokane, Washington on the topic of recantations

“Working with an expert like Mary Beth has been so helpful! It has benefited all of us to stay up-to-date on the latest research and techniques in the ever-changing world of forensic interviewing!”

Kalen Sieck, Children’s Tree House Assistant Director

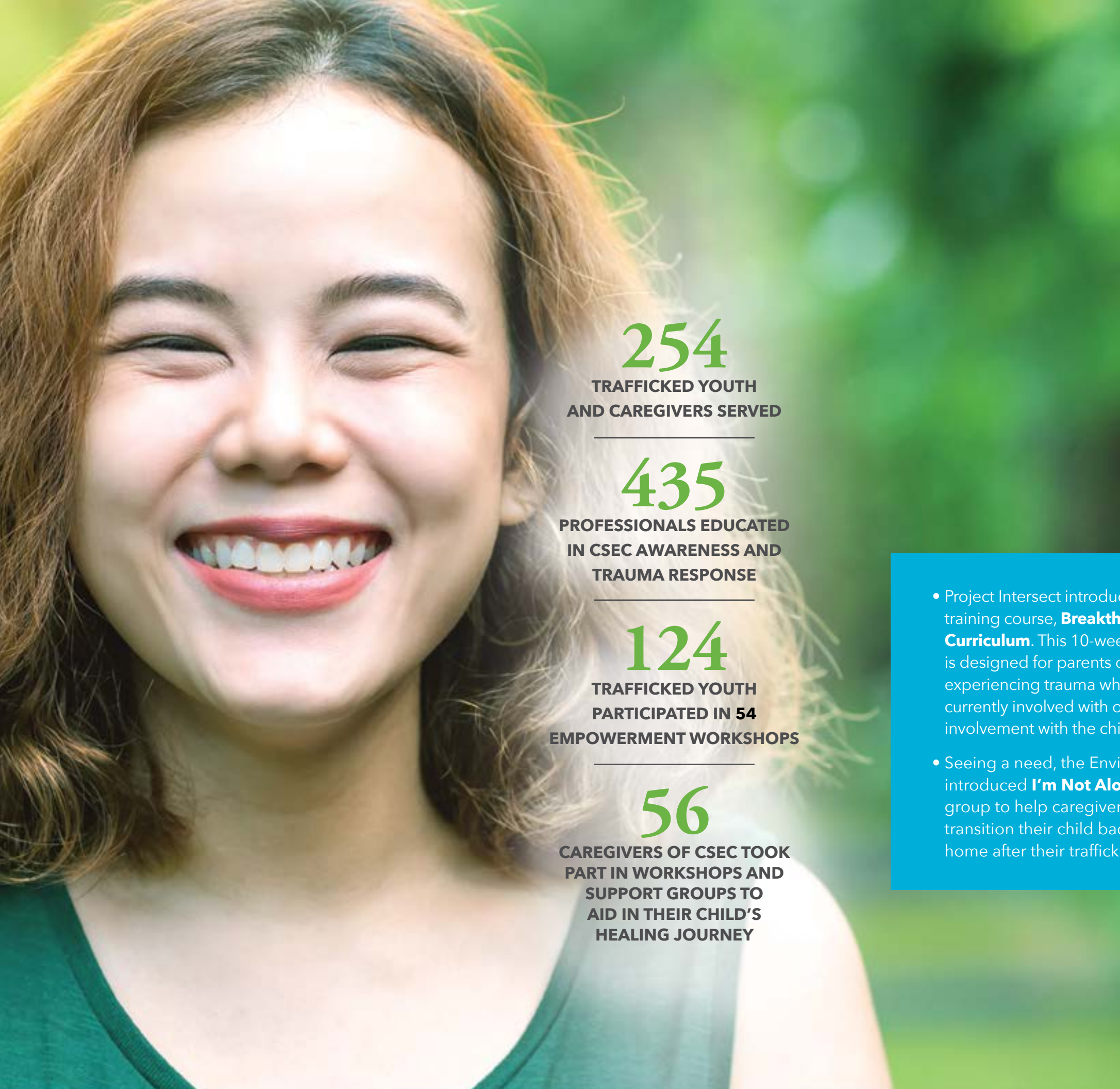
18  
SPECIALIZED FORENSIC  
INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED  
INVOLVING CSEC AND  
COMPLEX CASES THROUGH  
OUTSIDE REFERRALS

32  
EXPERT TESTIMONIES  
AND PROFESSIONAL  
CONSULTATIONS TO  
SUPPORT CRIMINAL  
COURT PROCEEDINGS

47  
PEER REVIEW MEETINGS,  
TRAININGS AND  
PRESENTATIONS  
COMPLETED - EDUCATING  
33 UNIQUE AGENCIES







254

TRAFFICKED YOUTH  
AND CAREGIVERS SERVED

435

PROFESSIONALS EDUCATED  
IN CSEC AWARENESS AND  
TRAUMA RESPONSE

124

TRAFFICKED YOUTH  
PARTICIPATED IN 54  
EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS

56

CAREGIVERS OF CSEC TOOK  
PART IN WORKSHOPS AND  
SUPPORT GROUPS TO  
AID IN THEIR CHILD'S  
HEALING JOURNEY

## Improving the Lives of Trafficked Youth

**Project Intersect** provides trauma-focused trainings for mental health providers and caregivers of trafficked youth across Georgia. This project educates adults on the impact of trauma on youth development and behaviors, how to respond to the challenges of traumatized youth, and offers a support system to address their shared experiences. This project is supported by U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, SAMHSA.

The **Envision Project** provides individualized care management, employment readiness, educational support, independent living skills, and personal growth programming to trafficked youth. Youth who experience sex trafficking and other forms of exploitation face high degrees of trauma and adverse outcomes, which is why we provide specialized services and education to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). This project is supported under the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime.

- Project Intersect introduced a new training course, **Breakthrough Parenting Curriculum**. This 10-week workshop is designed for parents of children experiencing trauma who are either currently involved with or at high risk for involvement with the child welfare system
- Seeing a need, the Envision Project introduced **I'm Not Alone**, a support group to help caregivers as they transition their child back into the home after their trafficking experience
- Project Intersect welcomed 26 new mental health providers to a 12-month long intensive learning community and training on **Advanced Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) for CSEC**
- Envision's **Bridge to My Future Advanced 2.0** level program provided specialized services for 50 survivors - spending 6-9 months working with each unique youth

*"This class helped me understand my own trauma and how it has affected my parenting."*

Project Intersect Trauma-Informed  
Caregiver Workshop Participant



# Caregiver Corner

Our family-focused programming strengthens the family unit and fosters an environment where the child is safe, the caregiver feels supported, and the family can heal. We ensure parents and caregivers can access the resources they need to raise healthy, thriving children - emphasizing positive childhood experiences and family's assets rather than solely focusing on risk factors.

- **1,168** caregivers supported in 2024
- 3rd Annual Caregiver Appreciation Event held in May, which featured **"What Made You"** to create a mosaic wall of lived experiences
- We presented alongside a **parent partner** at the 2024 National Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Conference. She shared her lived experience and remains a strong advocate for the work of CACs
- **8** Family Connection Nights held with an average of **35** attendees
- **Becoming a More Resilient Parent** is now one of our most popular trainings for caregivers. Foster parents and Spanish speaking caregivers are especially interested in this offering, which demonstrates that our actions - no matter how small - can have a big impact of children. It stresses the importance of promoting positive childhood experiences

## CAREGIVER TESTIMONIALS

"The kindness of strangers at a time when we needed help the most. They were very easy to talk to."

"They made my children feel at home and comfortable."

"Your program helped our family heal and brought us all back together again. Thank you for everything. So happy to be together."

"Tener una buena relación con nuestros hijos, decirles que cuentan con nosotros, que en los momentos malos y buenos, que siempre los apoyaremos. Pase lo que pase." ["Have a good relationship with our children, tell them that they can count on us, that in bad times and good, we will always support them. No matter what."]



# Collaborative Committees

Our programs are built on the foundation that all children deserve the chance to heal from trauma, while acknowledging that some face greater challenges. Cross-departmental collaborative committees were created to address those challenges and amplify the voices of our families. Our efforts enhance our trauma-informed practices, build skills, and boost staff morale, ultimately providing more effective and compassionate support to those we serve.



• **Employee & Client Engagement Committee:** The ECE is dedicated towards cultivating a welcoming space where every person feels seen and heard. Our efforts include creating an emotionally safe and physically accessible space that demonstrates our values and better serves our community. We hosted a training facilitated by the NCCHR, quarterly Community Circles conversations, a film screening, and helped the Advocacy team coordinate the GCCA Food Drive Competition.



• **Sunshine Committee:** Continuing to invest in building community and fostering team morale at GCCA, the Sunshine Committee organizes fun and uplifting events for our staff members. The team celebrates staff members' professional milestones, birthdays, and life events to show staff appreciation throughout the year. We hosted a potluck, ice cream social, Maker's Market, holiday parties, and cook-offs.

• **Special Events Committee:** The 29th Annual Cheer for Children Ball: Midnight in Paris brought together over 220 guests in September, helping to raise over \$245k to support our mission. Sexual Abuse Speak Out hosted their 8th Annual Poetry Slam4SAAM at our Fulton location for the first time. The event drew in a full house and the incredible performers left the guests feeling moved and inspired.

• **A-Team:** The A-Team creates a trauma-informed service environment and implements strategies to strengthen families. In April, our Prevention & Education hosted a Lunch & Learn for our caregivers. In October, we held our Halloween Family Connection night where we had a spooky Storytime, costumes and fun activities. Families were able to build connections and foster community, helping them to feel less alone on their healing journey. A-Team continues to be a vehicle to promote cross-department events like these to further enrich our programming.





# 2024 Supporters

Thanks to the generous contributions of our supporters, we are able to provide our specialized services at no cost to the children and families we serve. We also appreciate the numerous agencies that choose to partner with us and entrust us to provide professional services – helping reduce program costs. Because of you, hope and healing for these children and families is possible.

Individuals	Gregory and Jennifer Fink	Lawrence J and
Beth Allen*	Lindsay Fye	Patricia C Lehman
Brent Bandy	Joanne Garrett*	Nichole Louviaux
Stefaney Barna	Mathew George	Frank and Rosalee Madonia
Inderpreet Batra	Sophie Gibson	Laura Maki*
Dawn Benton*	Lia and Jim Gilmer*	Angela Mathis
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Jennifer Calvert	Laurie C Jarrett	Thomas Morse
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The Cottage Sexual Assault CAC  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council - American Rescue Plan Act (X50-8-213; X50-8-214; X50-8-228)\*  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council - DMST TANF Program (U24-8-005; U25-8-004)\*  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council- GA Crime Victims Compensation Program\*  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council - Victims of Crime Act (C23-8-063; C24-8-014)\*  
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Georgia State Charitable Contributions Program  
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Harmony House Child Advocacy Center  
HD Supply\*  
Help for Children\*  
Hometown Health  
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National Children's Alliance\*

Northside Hospital\*

Nuage Designs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention\*

Packard Capital\*

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Pike County Board of Education\*

Pittulloch Foundation\*

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia\*

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP\*

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QuikTrip\*

RanDMC Photography\*
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Resilient Gwinnett\*

Ripple Videos\*

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Rome-Floyd County Commission on Youth and Children\*

Roth Family Fund\*

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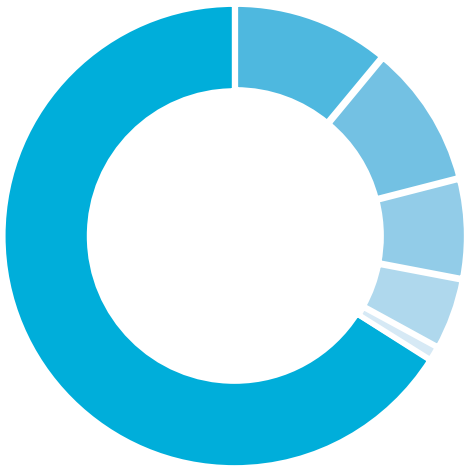


Nikki Berger, GCCA Prevention Program Manager, was appointed by Governor Brian Kemp to serve as a member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Financials

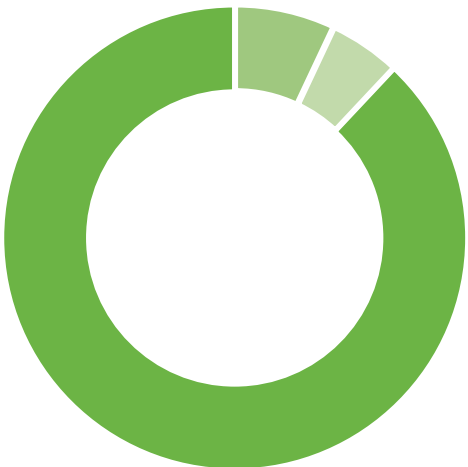
Income

Grant Revenue .....	\$2,418,229	■ 65%
Contributions (restricted) .....	\$450,000	■ 12%
Contributions (unrestricted) .....	\$365,292	■ 10%
Program Income / Materials .....	\$227,569	■ 6%
Special Events (net) .....	\$183,025	■ 5%
Miscellaneous.....	\$58,213	■ 2%
Total		\$3,702,328



Expenses\*

Program Services .....	\$3,421,144	■ 88%
Fundraising .....	\$272,136	■ 7%
Management & General .....	\$194,383	■ 5%
Total		\$3,887,664



\*Does not include depreciation



“GCCA is a multifaceted organization that not only helps children who are survivors of sexual abuse, physical abuse and human trafficking, but also is on the front lines of preventing the abuse all together. GCCA helps families in their most critical time of need and educates the community on how to identify and prevent child abuse. I feel so lucky to have such a wonderful organization in my community and am proud to support the phenomenal work they do.”

Michelle King  
Speed & King, LLC Founding Partner and GCCA Board Member



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“As a board member of the Georgia center for child Advocacy for the past four years, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative impact their work has on the community. GCCA’s unwavering commitment to protecting children from abuse and trafficking, is truly remarkable. Through prevention, education, and therapy, GCCA is not only safeguarding children in Georgia but also fostering a safer, brighter future for all.”

Dawn Benton, GCCA Board Member



Board Member Ben Brantly and his wife, Cheer Chair Megan Brantly, host the Cheer kickoff celebration.

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The Georgia Center for Child Advocacy presents the following trainings:

#### Human Trafficking: Preventing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

Educates youth-serving adults how to identify vulnerabilities, red flags and warning signs that trafficking victims might display as well as how to keep children safe. (2 hours, \$20 per person)

#### Connections Matter Georgia

Focuses on effectively educating communities about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), trauma and resiliency to develop a healthier, stronger community. (3 hours, \$20 per person, group rate available)

#### Circles of Safety: Understanding the Role of Healthy Sexual Development

Highlights child sexual abuse facts, opportunities to practice safety planning strategies and what steps they can take to promote healthy sexual development. (2.5 hours, \$20 per person)

#### Specialized Training Topics

- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention
- Online Safety
- Child Protection Policy Development
- Mandated Reporter Training
- Georgia's Technical Assistance Resource Guide for Schools
- Becoming a More Resilient Parent
- Healthy Outcomes of Positive Experiences
- The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

#### Link to register

<https://bit.ly/GCCAPreventionTrainings>

CEU's available for most trainings

#### Email for more information

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