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Governor's Office for Children and Families Announces 2009 Caring Communities System of Care Grant Awards

ATLANTA (September 14, 2009) – Today, Governor's Office for Children and Families (GOCF) announced \$2,946,755 in grants awarded to multiple Georgia communities. It is expected that more than 4,170 children, youth and families in 10 Georgia counties and cities and one state-wide program will be served. The grants will fund recommended activities during the next year that use a system of care approach. GOCF has funded such programs for two consecutive years and has doubled the number of awards since September 2008. Aligned with GOCF's mission, a variety of prevention and intervention services will be provided in these counties and regions. Details below outline Georgia communities that have been awarded a System of Care (SOC) grant and their results/strategy area:

2009 Caring Community Award Recipients

- Cobb County Community Service Board
- Cook County Board of Education
- Floyd County Board of Commissioners
- Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)
- Morgan County Board of Commissioners
- Murray County Government
- Newton County School System
- City of Perry
- Pickens County Government
- City of Savannah

Cobb County Community Service Board (\$310,815)

- Results Area/Strategy – **Safe:** Increase pro-social behavior in sixth- through eighth-grade youth who are at risk of not transitioning from Floyd, Griffin and Smitha Middle Schools to Osbourne High School

Cook County Board of Education (\$293,000)

- Results Area/Strategy – **Healthy:** Improve health of children, ages 14-19 who are enrolled at Cook County High School and on the Cook County High School graduation caseload

Floyd County Board of Commissioners (\$325,000)

- Results Area/Strategy – **Safe:** Enhance relationships of pregnant and parenting families with children ages 0-5 who are at risk of child abuse and neglect

Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS - \$320,000)

- **Results Area/Strategy – *Safe:*** Increase pro-social behavior of youth parents ages 14-19 who are in foster care, legal residents of Georgia and in state custody, with an expected 50% of youth in metro-Atlanta being served

Morgan County Board of Commissioners (\$175,802)

- **Results Area/Strategy – *Safe:*** Increase pro-social behavior of African-American males ages 6-13 with multi-disciplinary referrals in Morgan County Schools

Murray County Government (\$309,945)

- **Results Area/Strategy – *Safe:*** Enhance relationships of all newborns delivered at Hamilton Medical Center with their first-time parents and family members from Whitfield and Murray Counties

Newton County School System (\$283,447)

- **Results Area/Strategy – *Educated:*** Improve school performance of youth ages 14-19 who are attending the Sharp Learning Center located in Newton County

City of Perry (\$311,296)

- **Results Area/Strategy – *Healthy:*** Improve health of pregnant and parenting teens ages 14-19 in Perry and Northside High School zones, or youth ages 16-19 who have dropped out of high school and reside in these school zones

Pickens County Government (\$292,450)

- **Results Area/Strategy – *Safe:*** Enhance relationships of families residing in Pickens County with children ages 0-2 who are at risk of child abuse or neglect

City of Savannah (\$325,000)

- **Results Area/Strategy – *Educated:*** Improve school performance in children grades K-5 who are at risk of suspension or expulsion, those who have been expelled or suspended, and children in East Broad Elementary School and the Scott Alternative Learning Center

*The mission of the Governor's Office for Children and Families (GOCF) is to empower Georgia communities to achieve improved and sustainable outcomes by working in a system of care framework, which will ensure that all children and families are **Educated, Healthy, Safe and Growing.***

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