



# Governor's Office for Children and Families

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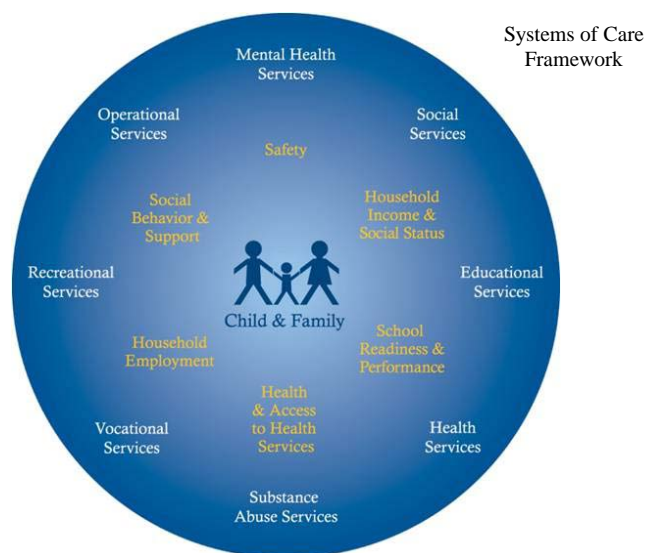
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## Governor's Office for Children and Families Announces Training Initiative

**ATLANTA (November 17, 2009)** – Governor's Office for Children and Families (GOCF) is launching a new initiative to promote statewide training and capacity building resources in communities to improve outcomes for Georgia's children, youth and families. These trainings will focus on GOCF's four results areas – *educated, healthy, safe, and growing*, with the goal of supporting communities in planning, implementing, evaluating, and sustaining prevention and intervention services. Working with our collaborative partners, GOCF will sponsor training opportunities at no cost to participants. Such trainings are now advertised on our website along with various trainings hosted by GOCF partner organizations.

Example training opportunities include:

- Elements for developing, planning, and implementing a community system of care
- Engaging parents in leadership opportunities
- Promoting social competence in young children, ages birth to five
- Accessing specialized community services
- Preventing child neglect
- Promoting abstinence as the best health message for youth
- Empowering families and communities to prevent the sexual abuse of children and mandated child abuse and neglect reporting.



Click [here](#) to view and/or register for upcoming community-based trainings. Seasonal training updates will be posted on our website. The systems of care framework above captures a Caring Community approach that incorporates a broad array of services and supports that focus on the whole needs of the child and family while coordinating prevention, intervention and treatment services.

*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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