



AFPAG Newsletter

Adoptive & Foster Parent Association of Georgia

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WHO ARE WE?

We aim to unify all foster and adoptive parents, agency representatives and communities to benefit Georgia's children in the foster care system. Today approximately 85% of all DHS adoptions are by foster parents. For these families, AFPAG cooperates with public and private agencies to improve foster care and adoption processes, support foster/adoptive families, and provide education and training to build stronger families. We advocate for Foster and Adoptive Parents at the local county, regional, and state DFCS levels, as well as with the Georgia General Assembly regarding child-welfare issues that impact our families. AFPAG is Georgia's largest advocate for foster and adoptive homes.

[Find our more HERE!](#)

Foster Parent Bill of Rights Highlight Tenet 23: The Right to Advocacy

FOSTER PARENTS HAVE "THE RIGHT, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, TO HAVE AN ADVOCATE PRESENT AT ALL PORTIONS OF INVESTIGATIONS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT AT WHICH AN ACCUSED FOSTER PARENT IS PRESENT."

AFPAG provides trained advocates to families through the investigation process. Call AFPAG's Advocacy Hotline at 877.804.6610 if your family is facing an allegation prompting an investigation.

RESOURCES

DID YOU KNOW?

Foster Children placed in your home ages 0-5 qualify for WIC.



<https://dph.georgia.gov/WIC>

FOSTER FRIENDLY APP

The App connects foster families with Foster Friendly Businesses and Services throughout Georgia. Each organization has the choice of offering any type of discount or free service to show their support and appreciation. Several wonderful businesses are already available to the foster community on the app with more being added every month!

AVAILABLE ON THE
APPLE APP STORE AND
GOOGLE PLAY STORE.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Thank you to the roughly 800 wonderful foster and adoptive parents who attended AFPAG's 51st education & training conference on scenic Jekyll Island this February. The conference provides excellent training to help foster and adoptive families build resilience through understanding and ultimately enabling healing from the many traumas we face. Together we are building a safer Georgia for its most vulnerable citizens. Keep an ear out for next year's conference registration details. We cannot wait to see you there!