



**Georgia Department of Human Services**

# **Argo Placements**

Update for CPAs

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# What is Argo Placements?

Argo Placements is a new tool for DFCS Staff which is connected to SHINES and supports the placement process. It allows all DFCS Staff supporting the Placements process to:

1. Search for DFCS and CPA Foster Homes for a child by matching the home's attributes to the child's needs – prepopulated from SHINES
2. Create a Universal Application for any placement type by leveraging all available SHINES data

## The key outputs are:

1. Weighted Search results showing placement locations that fit the need
2. Contact information for selected Placement locations available in Argo Placements and SHINES External Documentation
3. Shareable Universal Application available in Argo Placements and SHINES External Documentation

The screenshot displays the Argo Placements web application interface. The header includes the Georgia Department of Human Services logo and the text 'Argo Placements'. The main navigation menu on the left contains 'Placements', 'Saved Work', and 'Help'. The top right corner features utility icons for Refresh, New, Reset, Save, and Account. A progress bar at the top indicates the current step: Confirmation, Characteristics, Age & Capacity, Summary, and Search. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Confirmation:** A toggle switch for 'I have applied for a waiver/no waiver needed.' is currently turned off.
- 1) Verify the program designation and home you're searching for:** Includes input fields for 'Program Designation' (set to 'Foster Parent Waiver Only for BWO') and 'Home Type' (set to 'Basic').
- 2) What types of placements should we search for?:** A list of selected placement types: 'DFCS Foster Home', 'Child Placing Agency (CPA) Foster Home', 'Child Caring Institution (CCI)', 'Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)', 'Transitional Living Program (TLP)', 'Independent Living Program (ILP)', 'Maternity CPA', and 'Maternity Home CCI'. A note below states: 'Values in green support search. Values in gray support the Universal Application only.'

The bottom section shows a profile for 'Hansen, Nathan' with a 'Add sibling' button. The profile details include: 'Hansen, Nathan', 'DOB: 12/21/2017 (Age 5)', and 'Person ID: 9432354'. Below this, section '3) Verify the following demographic data for Nathan before moving on.' shows 'VERIFIED ADDRESS' with 'Address1: 1 MAIN ST.' and 'City: CONYERS'.



# What are the Objectives of Argo Placements?

- Configurable Search to assist in finding available Placements and identifying the best locations that meet the child's needs
- Time Savings by having access to a targeted list of placement locations based on search criteria
- Flexible search for placements that match the need, regardless of bed availability
- Ability to search for placements considering sibling groups
- Enables Collaboration between all DFCS staff supporting a child's placement
- Reduced time needed to generate a Universal Application to DFCS policy standards
- Eliminates process redundancy by leveraging existing data to complete a search or a Universal Application



# What will staff see? Search Results

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Confirmation Characteristics Age & Capacity Summary Search

**Richmond, Ella**  
DOB: 6/28/2012 (Age 10)  
Person ID: 19927489

HOME	TYPE	SLOT/CAPACITY	SCORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Coleman, Donald Or Toshib Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Christian City Crossroads	1 Slot Open, Capacity 6	81.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Chadwick, Gwen Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Mertan-Macon	3 Slots Open, Capacity 3	81.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Baker, Mathew Or Kimberly Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Falmbridge	5 Slots Open, Capacity 5	81.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Kemp, Jeannie Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Murphy-Harpet Children's Center	1 Slot Open, Capacity 3	81.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Burroughs, George Or Jerr Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Mertan Stepping Stones - Macon	2 Slots Open, Capacity 4	81.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Hilburn, Peggy Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Murphy-Harpet	2 Slots Open, Capacity 4	81.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Hardimon, Levi Or Livia Henry County	Non-DFCS Home National Youth Advocate E.Pt.	5 Slots Open, Capacity 5	61.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Pearson, Larry Or Yvonett Henry County	Non-DFCS Home Community Connections	2 Slots Open, Capacity 3	61.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Jamison, Tyrone Or Loret Henry County	Non-DFCS Home NECCO-Jonesboro	2 Slots Open, Capacity 2	61.67%

Staff will be presented with a list of available placements based on configured search criteria

Homes are scored based on location, school district, characteristics, and capacity

Users can drill into each home to review detailed information



# What will staff see? Placement Information

Staff will be able to open home Records and see where there are matches or mismatches to a child's needs

They can see all available pertinent information from SHINES, including:

Capacity, Current Placements, Distance to Relatives, Home Interests, and Contact information for the Agency

Data is updated from SHINES and is sent automatically when an update is made in SHINES

### Home Detail

<b>Home Information</b>			
Home Name <a href="#">Tobe, Jonathan Or Daniels</a>	Legal Name <a href="#">Tobe, Jonathan or Daniels, Xavier</a>	Resource ID <a href="#">16928108</a>	
Category <a href="#">Resource Parent</a>	Status <a href="#">Approved (Full) - Active</a>		
AD Exchange Status	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Waiver Exists</a>		
<b>Home Demographics</b>			
Religion <a href="#">Protestant</a>	Language <a href="#">English</a>		
Respite	Marital Status <a href="#">Married Couple</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Non-DFCS Home</a>	Non-DFCS Certifying Entity <a href="#">Wellroot Family Services- Newnan</a>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">A Current Home Study Exists</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Previous Home Study</a>		
School District <a href="#">Fulton County</a>	Elementary <a href="#">Renaissance ES</a>		
	Middle <a href="#">Sandy Springs Middle School</a>		
	High <a href="#">Creekside High School</a>		
<b>Address List</b>			
Type <a href="#">Primary</a>	Vendor ID <a href="#">470250</a>	Address <a href="#">578 Campbell Hwy, Fairburn, GA 30240 4610</a>	County <a href="#">Fulton</a>

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# Impact to CPAs

1. The search results in this new tool show the home capacity

As a result of this new tool, you may be contacted by a DFCS Case Manager or other DFCS staff member who has information about your home and wants to confirm the information with you. This is a change to the previous process in which the DFCS team member would call you to determine if you had capacity without any information available to them.

While this is not a big change to the placement process, we wanted you to be aware of this.

2. Case Managers will see a new version of the Universal Application
3. NO Changes to DFCS Policy on who to contact, when to contact, where to search, Waivers, etc.

## GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES UNIVERSAL APPLICATION

To be used for Placement Assistance, RBWO Program Designation, and Specialized Foster Care Waivers

Application Information			
Date	03/16/2023	Application Type	Placement Assistance
Referring County	Carroll		
Referring Case Manager			
Referring Case Manager Name		Email Address	
Office Number	5555555555	Mobile Number	404-111-2222
Case Manager			
Case Manager Name		Email	
		Fax	
Office Number	5555555555	Mobile Number	
Address	1 MAIN ST.	City/Zip	Carrollton/30116-9000
		County	Carroll
Supervisor			
Supervisor Name		Email	
Office Number	5555555555	Mobile Number	
Legal Status	Not In DFCS Custody - Parental Custody	Custody Date	10/31/2022

Youth Identifying Information			
Youth's Name		Date of Birth	06/25/2012   Age   10
Gender	Female		
Ethnicity	Not Hispanic /Latino	Sexual Orientation	Unknown
Religious Affiliation	Buddhist	Primary Language	English
Permanency Goal	A goal		
Discuss Progress Towards Permanency Goal	Progress towards goal		
<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care Reentry			<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Adoption
Reason Youth Entered Foster Care			



# Coming Soon

Currently Argo Placements is being piloted in Region 1 and we are planning on rolling this out to all Regions in the coming months

Resource management – giving you the ability to manage resources in the new Argo community portal and communicate electronically with DFCS Staff

