

Georgia Department of Human Services

Argo Placements Update for CPAs

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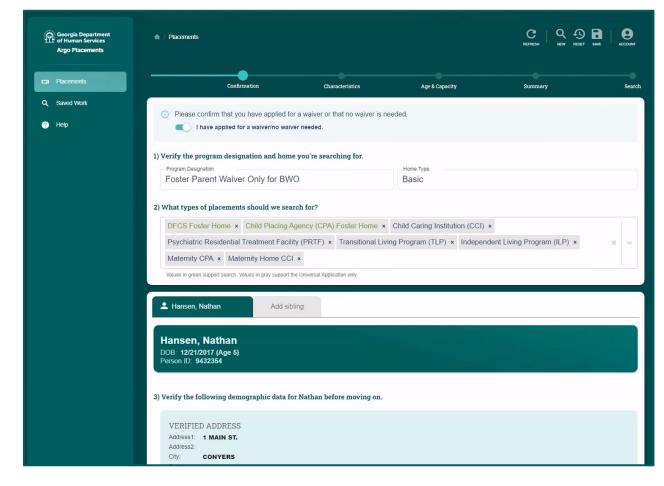
What is Argo Placements?

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

- 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:

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



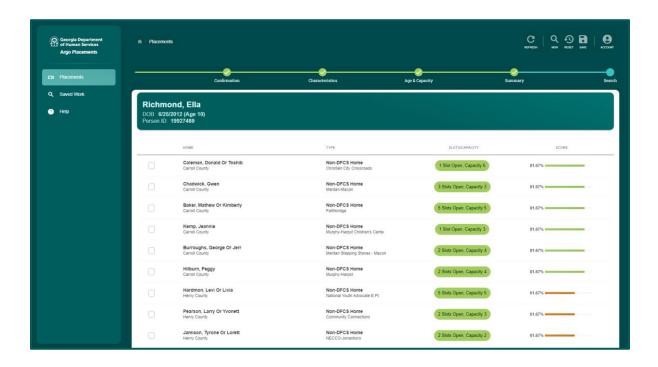


What are the Objectives of Argo Placements?

- 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



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



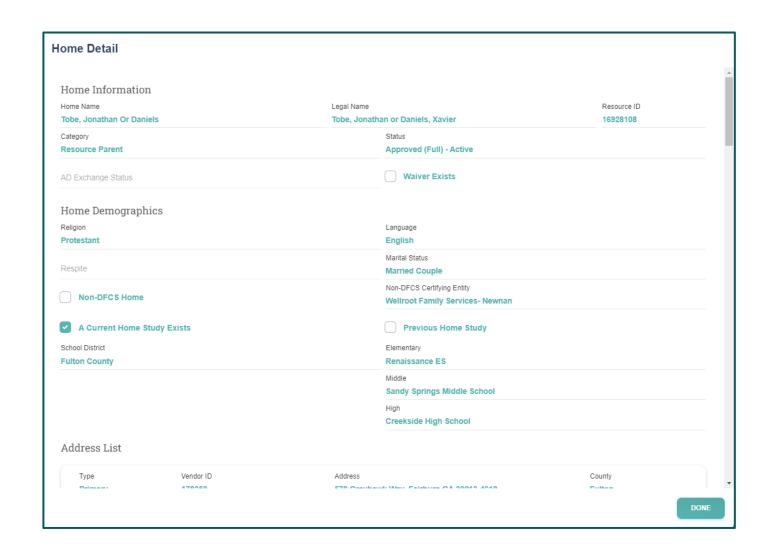
What will staff see? Placement Information

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





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 C	ase Manager	92	
Referring Case Manager Name		Email Address		
Office Number	5555555555	Mobile Number	404-111-2222	
	Case I	Manager	- 50	
Case Manager Name		Email		
		Fax		
Office Number	5555555555	Mobile Number		
Address	1 MAIN ST.	City/Zip	Carrollton/30116-9000	
		County	Carroll	
	Supe	ervisor		
Supervisor Name		Email		
Office Number	5555555555	Mobile Number		
Legal Status	Not In DFCS Custody - Parental Custody	Custody Date	10/31/2022	

You	uth Identify	ying Information	n		
Youth's Name		Date of Birth	06/25/2012	Age 10	
Gender	- 1	Female			
Ethnicity	Not Hispanic /Latino	Sexual Orientation	Unknown		
Religious Affiliation	Buddhist	Primary Language	English		
Permanency Goal	A goal				
Discuss Progress Towards Permanency Goal	Progress towa	rds goal			
Foster Care Reentry		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

