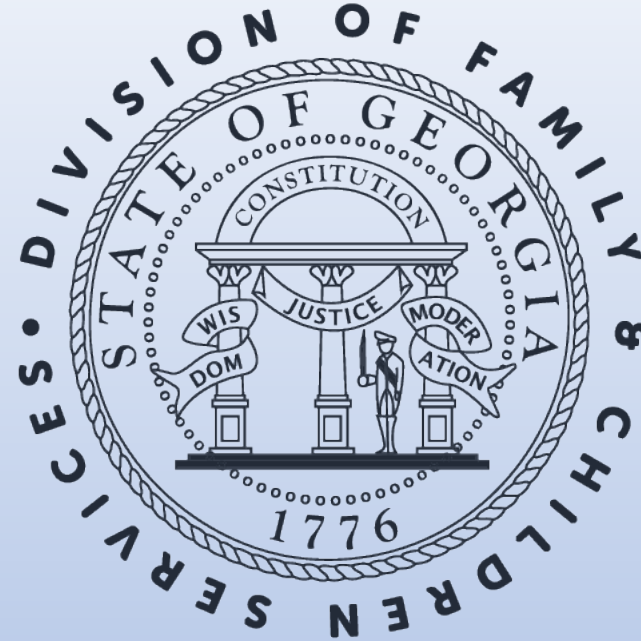




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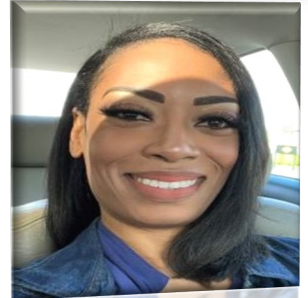
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Agenda

1. CPA Data Overview
 2. CPS Screening Unit Application Process
 3. Care Solutions Addendum Overview
 4. Reminders
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2023 CPA Home Count

3283 Total Open Homes at
minimum of 1 day in 2023

576 Homes Approved with no prior
agency history in GA SCORE

698 Homes Closed and did not
reopen prior to 12/31/2023

GA+SCORE 2023 INITIAL HOMES DATA

- **693** homes approved between January 1st and December 31st
 - **285** homes were approved with no requests for edits
 - **408** homes were approved with edits requested at least once

Policy 14.10 Reminder

Complete the initial family evaluation no later than 30 calendar days after the applicant completes all pre-service activities (including pre-service training, home study interviews, submission of all questionnaires, verifications, forms, and other requested documentation. Terminate the assessment process for applicants who do not submit all required documentation within 30 calendar days of completing all pre-service activities.

Top Reasons for Initial Edit Requests:

- Reference Issues
- Issues with submitted Forms
- Safety Screenings
- SAFE Questionnaires
- SAFE Mitigation
- Lack of Assessment
- Home Safety Standards
- Training



GA+SCORE 2023 RE-EVALUATION DATA

- **1215** home re-evaluations approved between January 1st and December 31st
 - **849** were approved with no requests for edits
 - **366** were approved with edits requested at least once

Top Reasons for Re-Evaluations Edit Requests:

- Issues with Forms
- SAFE Questionnaires
- Training
- Updated Safety Screening
- Lack of assessment (FP Discipline, Sleeping Arrangement, updated Water Safety Assessment)
- SAFE Update Mitigation





2023 CPA Home Utilization

On January 1, 2023, there were **1716** homes with open placements or placement utilization of **67.43%**

By December 31, 2023, there were **1726** homes with open placements or placement utilization of **68.71%**.

Any thoughts on how to increase CPA home placement utilization?

Reminder: Recruitment and Retention Plan Policy 14.6

- Recruit based on child specific needs
 - Onboard families who can meet the needs of our youth based on the specified needs list : medically fragile/complex needs, LGBTQ+, teens, and sibling groups
 - Utilize targeted recruiting based on regional and state needs data
 - Use non-discriminatory practices when recruiting families
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- Retain homes by considering the level of foster parent satisfaction (Routine Surveys)
 - Conduct exit interviews with families leaving your program
 - Ensure the caregivers are aware of the grievance process
 - Develop respite partnerships
 - Offer ongoing foster parent trainings, support groups and meetings (AFPAG)
 - Establish a procedure for placement disruptions. Clarify expectations to facilitate a smoother transition to all parties



CPA Home Compliance

48.58% of homes remained in full compliance everyday of 2023 and **51.42%** of homes fell out of compliance on any day in 2023.

On January 1, 2023, there were **84.37%** of homes in full approval status.

As of January 1, 2024, there were **89.97%** of homes in full approval status.

Routinely Check Open Foster Home Status

Open Foster Homes (in SHINES)

Show entries

Filter:

FH ID	Primary/Secondary Caregiver	Initial Approval Date	Annual ReEvaluation	Current Status	Placements Allowed
10101	Cindy (Test) Holmwood (test)	06/15/2016	Overdue: due 5/31/2021	Unapproved <i>On Hold</i>	No
9590	Sylvia Horne (TEST) and Ben Horne (TEST)	09/04/2011	Due 8/31/2022	Approved	Yes
16604	Ronald McDonald	01/05/2021	Due 12/31/2021	Approved	Yes
9589	Sarah Palmer (TEST) and Leland Palmer (TEST)	11/15/2012	Overdue: due 4/30/2021	Unapproved	No
27524	Dawn Reed and Kevin Ummmm	01/01/2020	Due 1/31/2022	Approved	Yes
8790	Poppy Sockavich (Test Only) and Jennie Sockavich (Test Only)	07/01/2007	Overdue: due 7/31/2021	Unapproved	No
13398	Linda Wahlig and Barry Wahlig	01/15/2021	Due 12/31/2021	Approved	Yes

Showing 1 to 7 of 7 entries

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January 2024 Unapproved Homes

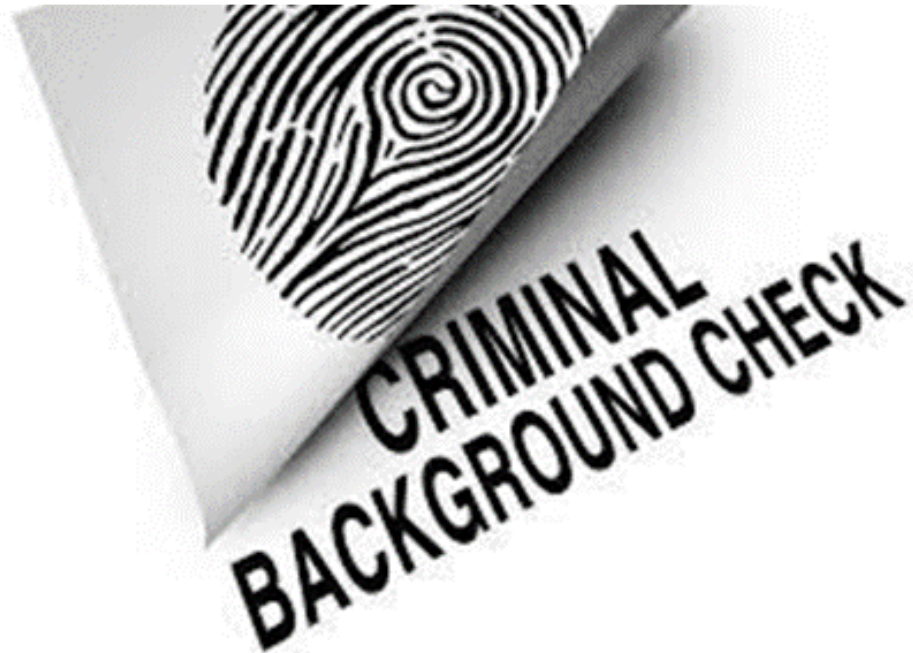
Total of ***103 Unapproved Homes**

1 Overdue Re-Evaluation is over **120 days** past due

102 Unapproved Homes due to missing screenings or CPR/1st Aid

*Providers must routinely review GA SCORE Home Compliance Alerts

Five Year Re-certification



- Re-evaluation Policy 14.13 Reminder Provide caregivers at least 90 calendar days' notice of the need for any medical evaluations or criminal records checks (Fitness Determination Letter) for themselves or household members.
- Conduct a fingerprint-based criminal history records check (CRC) of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database on all caregivers and adult household members at least every five years from the date of the Initial Family Evaluation. **The CRC must be conducted within 90 days prior to the re-evaluation due date (see policy 19.8 Case Management: Criminal Records Checks).**
- Note
 - Due to policy and Shines new enhancement **ALL NCIC/GCIC** completed in 2019 needs to be completed prior submitting the re-evaluation. Shines will not allow the home to be processed and approved without the current screenings.



December 28th Eblast & Announcement Reminder

CAP requirements

- ▶ Agency Letterhead
- ▶ Foster home name/ID
- ▶ Children placed in the home
- ▶ Reason and Purpose for the Corrective Action Plan
- ▶ A **detailed** plan for completing the required training hours
 - ▶ Agency responsibility and follow up, caregiver responsibility, how hours will be obtained, when hours will be obtained(dates of completion), CAP effective dates, etc.
 - ▶ Signatures of each caregiver and agency representative(s)

Caregiver Annual Training CAP Requests

On Jan. 1, 2024, the GA SCORE system automatically assigned a CAP to 39 homes due to caregivers being without adequate hours by Dec. 31, 2023

20 Plans Accepted

6 Plans Submitted

8 Revision Requests

5 Plan Overdue

Why is your agency's home approval status data important?



Ongoing Federal IV-E Funding and Eligibility requirements for the children placed in the home.

Home approval status compliance is critical to meeting federal, state and litigation mandates (Child and Family Service Review and Kenny A Outcomes).

Possible delays in permanency outcome achievement for youth.

Create delays with capturing accurate child placement data in both GA SCORE and GA SHINES system.

Home retention could be impacted if homes are not re-assessed timely.



QUESTIONS

CPS Screening Unit- Application Process Overview



Care Solutions

GA SCORE ADDENDUM
OVERVIEW





OPM RD Reminders

Re-Evaluation Policy 14.13 Reminder

- Initiate a comprehensive re-evaluation of the household at least 90 calendar days prior to the expiration date.
- The annual re-evaluation must be completed prior to the expiration of the current foster home approval period.
 - i. No home shall have more than 24 months of approval (e.g., the re-evaluation for a foster home approved 01/10/2023 is due by 12/31/2024).
 - ii. If a re-evaluation is completed within 30 calendar days of the due date, then the approval term (starting month to ending month -e.g., 01/1/2023-12/31/2024) and re-evaluation date will remain the same.
 - iii. If the re-evaluation is completed more than 30 calendar days early or late, then the approval term and re-evaluation date must change.

Approval Letter Content

- Approval Letter Date
- Name and Address of the Caregiver
- Approved Placement Age Range
- Approved Placement Capacity
- Approved Placement Gender
- Approval Terms Begin and End Date
- Agency Case Support Worker Name, Contact and Emergency or After-Hours Contact Information
- Agency approver/designee signature

Re-Evaluation
Approval
Terms
Reminder

Month of Approval	Re-Evaluation Expires
January 1 st	December 31 st
February 1 st	January 31 st
March 1 st	February 28 th
April 1 st	March 31 st
May 1 st	April 30 th
June 1st	May 31 st
July 1st	June 30 th
August 1st	July 31 st
September 1st	August 31 st
October 1st	September 30 th
November 1st	October 31 st
December 1st	November 30 th

Test Your Knowledge

1. If Mr. and Mrs. Smith's initial approval terms are 2/15/2023-01/31/2025. When should the Smith's assessor begin gathering their re-evaluation information?

90 Days Prior to Jan.31, 2025

1b. Assuming the Smith's re-evaluation was completed timely, what approval terms should be placed on the Smith's approval letter?

02/01/2025-01/31/2027

2. The Allen home was initially approved on August 13, 2000. Assuming all the Allen home re-evaluations were completed timely, can their recent timely re-evaluation approval terms be 07/31/2023 - 06/30/2025.

No: 08/1/2023-07/31/2025

3. Can timely re-evaluation approval terms be 01/19/2023 – 1/18/2025?

No: 01/1/2023-12/31/2024

GA SCORE Updates Needed

- Timely submission of caregiver five-year medical and criminal screenings and 18-year-old household member medical, criminal and safety screenings in GA SCORE
- Ensure the most current agency staff members and agency contacts are always listed in GA SCORE
- Ensure the most current CPR and First Aid training information is entered in GA SCORE
- A total of 15 continued parent development annual training hours for each caregiver are needed in GA SCORE. Please try to routinely request training certificates from caregivers and enter the training information in GA SCORE within the month received.

NTDC Train-the-Trainer

Training Opportunities

RBWO
Foundations

NTDC Train-
the-Trainer &
IMPACT

PBP Training

ECEM and
Additional
RBWO Training

CCTU
Training

DFCS supervisors should use the online registration system to register DFCS staff, foster parents, and contractors for this class. Private agencies (including individuals who plan to contract with DFCS in the future) should use **this form to register*** for class. All parties interested in providing pre-service training to prospective foster parents will need to complete NTDC TTT before the end of 2024. Please send all class availability inquiries and registration forms to ssregistrar@dhs.ga.gov.

If you are an IMPACT lead or provider, please **click here** to gain access to some useful resources. You will be directed offsite to a Microsoft OneDrive web page. Close that window to return to this website.

**Save a copy to your computer and open it locally to use the fillable PDF feature. The form will not be fillable if opened in your browser. Form updated 10/16/2023.*



Helpful Resources

- ODIS <https://odis.dhs.ga.gov/General>
- RBWO minimum standards
[https://www.gascore.com/documents/FY23
RBWO Minimum Standards update.pdf](https://www.gascore.com/documents/FY23_RBWO_Minimum_Standards_update.pdf)
- SAFE website
<https://www.safehomestudy.org/>
- Care Solutions - support@gascore.com
- OPM RD Team – OPM RD Duty Calendar



OPM Monthly Motivational Quote

"Though at times it may feel like the sky is falling around you, never give up, for every day is a new day" – Chicken Little



Suggestions

OPM RD TEAM would love your feedback and suggestions. Please send information to opm.leadership@dhs.ga.gov

