The success of DFCS largely depends on the quality of its partnerships with foster parents (DFCS and Private Agency), community partners and advocates. Listed below are contacts, for community, state and local resources.

**Foster Parent Resources**

**Georgia Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers:**
http://www.cacga.org

**Georgia Center for Adoption Resources & Support:**
http://www.gaadoptresources.org
1-866-A-Parent

**Local County DFCS Offices** -
http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov
(click on County Offices)

**DHR/Division of Family and Children Services Foster Parents**
http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/fosterparents

**United Way of Atlanta’s Help book online:**
http://www.unitedwayatl.org

**National Foster Parents Association**
www.fosterparents.com

**Prospective Foster Parent Intake Line**
1-877-229-2038

**Babies Can’t Wait Early Intervention Services**
1-800-229-2038
http://health.state.ga.us

**Health Check Providers**
www.ghp.georgia.gov

**Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children**
www.gahsc.org
404-572-6170

**The Foster Parents Bill of Rights and Grievance Procedures—Private Agency Foster Homes**

*Strengthening families, protecting children from abuse and neglect, and assuring that every child has a permanent family.*

**Foster Care**
Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Family and Children Services
“Working Together with Private Agency Foster Homes”
Foster parents play a vital role in Georgia’s efforts to care for children, central to these efforts is the partnership between the Department of Family and Children Services and foster parents. The Foster Parents Bill of Rights, which was signed into law by Governor Sonny Perdue on May 5, 2004 during Georgia’s recognition of National Foster Care Month, strengthens this partnership and supports the work of foster parents. Georgia’s bill is a trailblazer; Georgia is one of only nine states with a codified Bill of Rights for its foster parents. Georgia’s Bill of Rights officially became law on July 1, 2004. The twenty-three rights include issues such as non-discrimination, distribution and disclosure of information, financial reimbursement and the right to have input into case planning for children. You can read the complete Bill at www.legis.state.ga.us (request HB 1580) or by contacting your local county DFCS office.

When circumstances warrant taking the measure to file a complaint regarding the Foster Parent Bill of Rights, foster parents should never feel alone in the process. Foster parents are provided support throughout the grievance process via the grievance procedure. The Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children will provide a trained pool of advocates to assist and support foster parents throughout the process. Foster parents can contact the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children at 404-572-6170 or www.gahsc.org to make an advocate request.

NOTE: Foster parents may choose not to have a GAHSC advocate, but rather a personal support person of their choosing. These individuals are not provided the same access to confidential information, and will be limited to portions of the grievance process which does not violate confidentiality laws.

(GPS investigation timeframes are not delayed by the presence or absence of a requested advocate.)