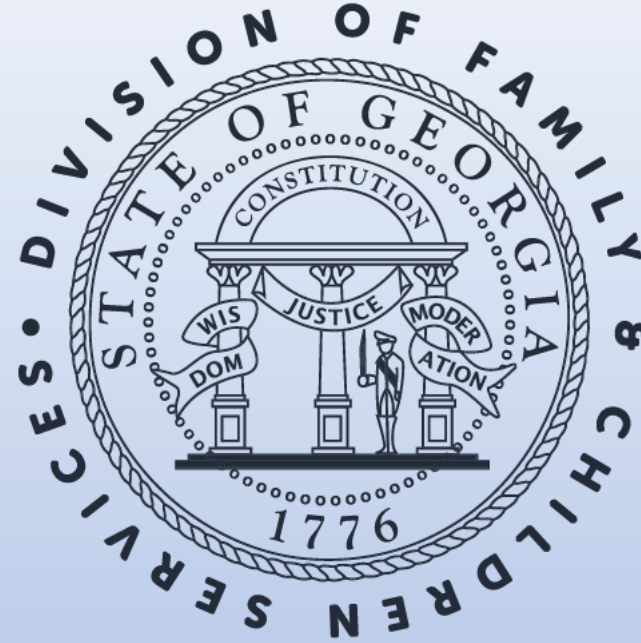




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 5. Reminders and Recognition
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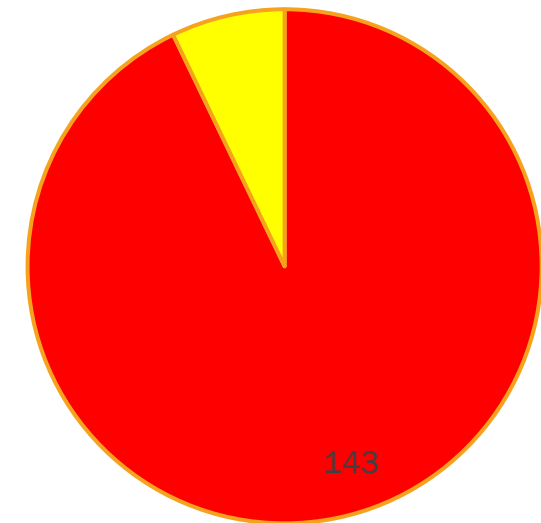
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■ Re-Evaluations Overdue ■ Pending OPM

Unapproved Re-evaluations February 2023

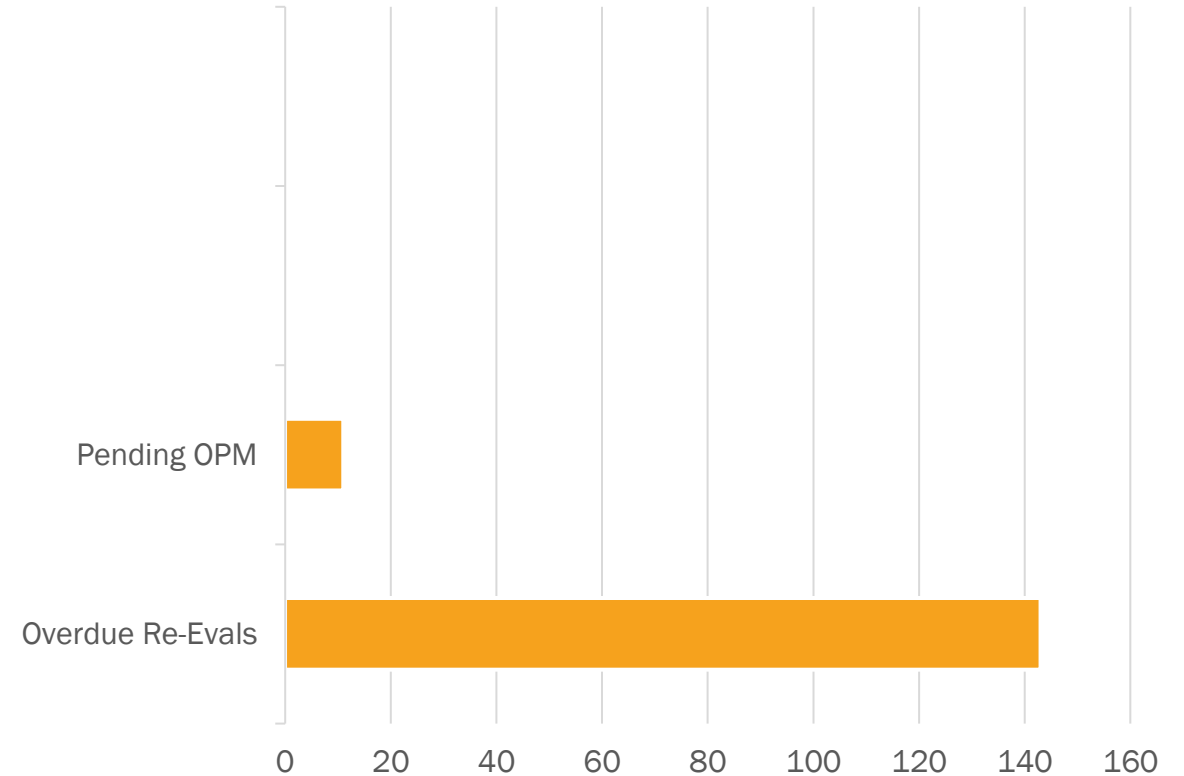
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92 overdue Re-evaluations remain outstanding

(homes that were due since December 2022).



Overdue Foster Home Re-Evaluations

3 (due in 2021)

63 (between September 2022-December 2022)



CPA Home Availability

Homes by Available Bed Space			
Status	Homes w/ Available Beds	Homes w/o Available Beds	(Notes)
Approved	1605	584	Count of homes without available beds includes 12 foster homes that are currently over capacity.
Unapproved or On Hold	248	78	Count of homes without available beds includes 2 foster homes that are currently over capacity.
N/A (Reopening home)	0	14	Count of homes in the process of reopening with a re-evaluation; they're unapproved and may not have capacity or placement data yet.
* <i>"Available beds" = [Approved Spaces] - [current placement count]. It doesn't factor in age/gender/child needs or other considerations.</i>			
Homes by Age Accepted (all homes)			
Status	Homes accepting Girls 11+	Homes accepting Boys 11+	Any gender 11+
Approved	1607	1651	1777
Unapproved or On Hold	252	251	276
*14 homes in the process of reopening via re-evaluation have no age range yet and aren't being counted here.			
Homes by Age Accepted (only homes with available beds)			
Status	Homes accepting Girls 11+	Homes accepting Boys 11+	Any gender 11+
Approved	1197	1235	1324
Unapproved or On Hold	188	187	206
*14 homes in the process of reopening via re-evaluation have no age range and aren't being counted here.			

Homes that accept MWO Program Designations

Homes Approved for MWO (all homes)					
Status	All homes	Homes accepting Girls 11+	Homes accepting Boys 11+	Any gender 11+	
Approved	2000	1480	1518	1639	
Unapproved or On Hold	259	201	205	222	
Homes Approved for MWO (only homes with available beds)					
Status	All homes	Homes accepting Girls 11+	Homes accepting Boys 11+	Any gender 11+	
Approved	1573	1181	1217	1310	
Unapproved or On Hold	194	169	170	186	
Homes with MWO beds (only homes with 0 open placements)					
Status	All homes	Homes accepting Girls 11+	Homes accepting Boys 11+	Any gender 11+	
Approved	588	441	434	480	
Unapproved or On Hold	96	73	70	78	



QUESTIONS





Care Solutions
– GA SCORE
Foster Home
Records

CPS Screening Application – Follow Up





Announcements

COVID memo – sent via eblast January 13, 2023.

Autism training – sent via eblast January 9, 2023.



Inter-Agency Partnership



DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

Name of Primary and Secondary Applicant

Primary Applicant Date of Birth

Secondary Applicant Date of Birth

IF AVAILABLE:

GA SCORE ID Number used
by Requesting Agency

GA SCORE ID Number used
by Releasing Agency

INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby request and authorize:

(Name of Agency Holding Information)

(Address)

Release to:

(Name of Agency Holding Information)

(Address)

The following types of information from my records:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Service Reference | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Study Assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Service Training Cert. | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Recent Re-evaluation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of CPR/FA Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Training Verification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RBWO Waivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Violations |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrective Action Plans |

For the purpose of: **INTER-AGENCY AND INTER-COUNTY TRANSFERS**

I understand that the federal Privacy Rule ("HIPAA") does not protect the privacy of information if re-disclosed, and therefore request that all information obtained from this person or agency be held strictly confidential and not be further released by the recipient. I further understand that my eligibility for benefits, treatment or payment is not conditioned upon my provision of this authorization. I intend this document to be a valid authorization conforming to all requirements of the Privacy Rule and understand that my authorization will remain in effect for: (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

- ninety (90) days unless I specify an earlier expiration date here: _____
- one (1) year
- the period necessary to complete all transactions on matters related to services provided to me.

I understand that unless otherwise limited by state or federal regulation, and except to the extent that action has been taken based upon it, I may withdraw this authorization at any time.

(Signature of witness)

(Date)

(Signature of Primary Caregiver)

(Date)

Inter-Agency Authorization For Release of Information Form

RBWO Minimum Standard 11.29

11.29 Any previous fostering or adopting experience must be documented in the initial home evaluation and used in making the approval decision. Providers must review any previous home evaluations, training history, policy violations history, corrective action plans history, reasons for closure and any other pertinent information that would assist in making an approval decision. A recommendation must be requested from the previous agency(ies). If a previous agency is closed, no longer has the caregiver's records or for other reasons is unable or refuses to comply with the request, this must be documented in the home evaluation.

a. CPA providers must work in partnership with other CPA's and DFCS when foster parents desire to transfer from one CPA to another CPA or local DFCS County. CPA Providers should be expeditious in forwarding trainings, home evaluations, references and other documents to the new CPA or DFCS as requested.

Inter-Agency Partnership 14.24

1. Inform the caregiver(s) they can serve as a foster family for only one agency at a time

2. Discuss the re-evaluation process and ask them to sign an Authorization for Release of Information so information may be shared between the agencies involved.

3. Request and review the caregiver's Family Evaluation from the previous agency. This includes any subsequent evaluations, pre-service training certificate, documentation of annual training hours, and history of policy violations or corrective actions.

4. Utilize an abbreviated foster home re-evaluation (SAFE Conversion/SAFE Update) process to assess the family.

4a. Determine if any components of the Family Evaluation are missing or need to be updated (Medical, Drug Screen, or Immunization information)

4b. Conduct CPS screening and a fingerprint-based criminal records check (CRC) on all adult household members.

4c. Conduct background screening using the following databases: Department of Corrections Offender Query; Board of Pardons and Parole; Sexual Offender Registry and Department of Driver Services.

5. Request a recommendation (Prior Agency Reference) from the previous agency regarding the caregivers' protective capacities and confirmation from the DFCS or CPA Director or Designee that the caregivers are active and in good standing.

6. Conduct at least one family consultation.

7. Submit the Family Evaluation for supervisory approval and final approval from the DFCS or CPA Director.

8. Provide written notification of the approval decision to the applicant.

******If a family decides to transfer between agencies prior to attaining full approval status, then standard intake and approval procedures for prospective caregivers shall apply. Standard intake and approval processes shall also apply in the following instances: Information from the previous agency is unable to be obtained, Information from the previous agency indicates a family has been voluntarily inactive for more than five years, or Information from the previous agency indicates a family was not in good standing.***

CPA Process in GA SCORE

Without Placements

- The new CPA will obtain the signed authorization of release and prior agency reference and submit to the current CPA.
- The current CPA will provide timely notice to the new CPA of receipt of the request and expected date requested information will be provided.
- The new CPA will create an initial inquiry in GA SCORE and select that the home is transferring (provide name of agency) and select without children placed in the home.
- The new CPA will review prior agency information, update all supplemental verification/forms, conduct a home visit, complete a SAFE Update Assessment and upload all assessments and documents in GA SCORE.
- The current CPA will provide the family with timely notice of home status and closure reason.



CPA Process in GA SCORE With Placements

- The new CPA will obtain the signed authorization of release and prior agency reference and submit to the current CPA.
- The current CPA will provide timely notice to the new CPA of receipt of the request and expected date requested information will be provided.
- The new CPA will request approval from county administration for the foster youth to remain in the home during the transfer process.
- The new CPA will create an initial inquiry in GA SCORE and select that the home is transferring (provide name of agency) and select with children placed in the home.
- The new CPA will review prior agency information, update all supplemental verification/forms, conduct a home visit, complete a SAFE Update Assessment and upload all assessments and documents in GA SCORE.
- The new CPA will send email notification to the assigned OPM RD, Current CPA and Foster Youth Placement County Administration that the family's assessment has been completed and submitted to the assigned OPM RD for review
- The assigned OPM RD will respond to the new CPA's notification within 5 business days to inform the impacted youth's county administration of the change in agencies, the current CPA of the date of closure and new CPA of the date of approval.
- The current CPA will provide the family with timely notice of home status and closure reason.

Provider Partnership Reminders

1. Refer to the SAFE Matrix and Policy 14.10 for guidance on uploading the applicable forms. Under the Narrative tab in GA SCORE, upload the original assessment, subsequent assessments obtained by the prior agency, and your agency's SAFE Update.
2. If the family has fostered more than 3 years complete a review of IMPACT and your agency operation with the family.
3. Assess the caregiver's motivation for wanting to transfer and create a plan for addressing prior agency feedback.
4. Utilize SAFE PSI Update guidelines and if you require further clarification or have questions, please call SAFE Consortium at: 415-491-2200 or use the "Contact Us" tab on www.SAFEHomeStudy.org.

Helpful Resources

- ODIS
<https://odis.dhs.ga.gov/General>
- RBWO minimum standards
https://www.gascore.com/documents/FY23_RBWO_Minimum_Standards_update.pdf
- SAFE website
<https://www.safehomestudy.org/>
- OPM RD team





QUESTIONS



Monthly Recognition

Agencies at 100% Approved Homes
In the Month of February 2023

- ❖ Camp Rock
- ❖ Chris 180 Inc.
- ❖ Community Connections
- ❖ Faithbridge
- ❖ Goshen Valley
- ❖ Health Connect
- ❖ Inspiritus
- ❖ Twin Cedar
- ❖ WinShape



February Quote

We have the opportunity to pour into children what they were created to be; and pull out the treasure that they cannot yet see

~M. Moon~



Questions



Suggestions

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

