

Georgia Department of Human Services

ARGO Placements

Update for CPAs, CCIs, ILPs, and TLPs

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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 Homes, CPA Foster Homes, CCIs, ILPs, and TLPs 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 top navigation bar includes the Georgia Department of Human Services logo and the text 'ARGO Placements'. The main content area is titled 'Placements' and features a progress bar with steps: Confirmation, Characteristics, Age & Capacity, Summary, and Search. A confirmation message asks the user to confirm if they have applied for a waiver, with a toggle switch set to 'I have applied for a waiver/no waiver needed.' Below this, section 1) 'What types of placements should we search for?' shows a list of selected placement types: DFCS Foster Home, Child Placing Agency (CPA) Foster Home, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF), Maternity CPA, Maternity Home CCI, and Child Caring Institution (CCI). Section 2) 'The following options affect results returned for CCI placements.' includes dropdown menus for 'CC Program Designation' (Base Watchful Oversight), 'Special Services Offered', and 'Specialty Programs Offered', along with a 'Minimum IQ Served' field. Section 3) 'Verify the following demographic data for Nathan before moving on.' shows a 'VERIFIED ADDRESS' for Nathan Hansen: Address 1: 1 MAIN ST., Address 2: (blank), 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

ARGO Placements is dependent on the current statuses of placements in SHINES



What will staff see? Search Results

The top screenshot shows the 'Age & Capacity' step of a search process for Richmond, Ella (DOB: 6/25/2012, Age 10, Person ID: 19927489). It displays three non-DFCS home options:

HOME	TYPE	SLOTS/CAPACITY	SCORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Coleman, Donald Or Tashib Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Christian City Crossroads	1 Slot Open, Capacity 3	81.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Chadwick, Gwen Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Merlan-Macon	3 Slots Open, Capacity 3	81.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Baker, Matthew Or Kimberly Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Pathfinder	5 Slots Open, Capacity 5	81.67%

The bottom screenshot shows the 'Confirmation' step for the same child. It displays three child caring institution options under the 'CCI/LLP/TLP' tab:

HOME	TYPE	SLOTS/CAPACITY	SCORE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Georgia Baptist Child Palmetto Fayette County	Child Caring Institution Palmetto Campus	59 Slots Open, Capacity 76	70%
<input type="checkbox"/> Methodist Home - Valdosta Chatham County	Child Caring Institution dba Valdosta Group Home	6 Slots Open, Capacity 12	20%
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Baptist Chm - Baxley Forsyth County	Child Caring Institution Baxley Campus	34 Slots Open, Capacity 40	20%

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

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

Users can drill into each location 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

The screenshot displays the 'Home Detail' page with the following information:

- Home Information:**
 - Home Name: Tobe, Jonathan Or Daniels
 - Legal Name: Tobe, Jonathan or Daniels, Xavier
 - Resource ID: 16928108
 - Category: Resource Parent
 - Status: Approved (Full) - Active
 - AD Exchange Status: Waiver Exists
- Home Demographics:**
 - Religion: Protestant
 - Language: English
 - Respite: Non-DFCS Home; A Current Home Study Exists
 - Marital Status: Married Couple
 - Non-DFCS Certifying Entity: Wellroot Family Services- Newnan
 - Previous Home Study: Previous Home Study
 - School District: Fulton County
 - Elementary: Renaissance ES
 - Middle: Sandy Springs Middle School
 - High: Creekside High School
- Address List:**

Type	Vendor ID	Address	County
Primary	478855	570 Oakmont Way, Fairburn, GA 30210-4610	Fulton

A 'DONE' button is located at the bottom right of the form.



Impact to Providers

1. The search results in this new tool show specific homes / placement options available to place the child

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 may be 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.

2. There is 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.
4. Please continue to follow current processes you have to maintain your facilities

**GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES
UNIVERSAL APPLICATION**
To be used for Placement Assistance, RBWO Program Designation, and Specialized Foster Care Waivers

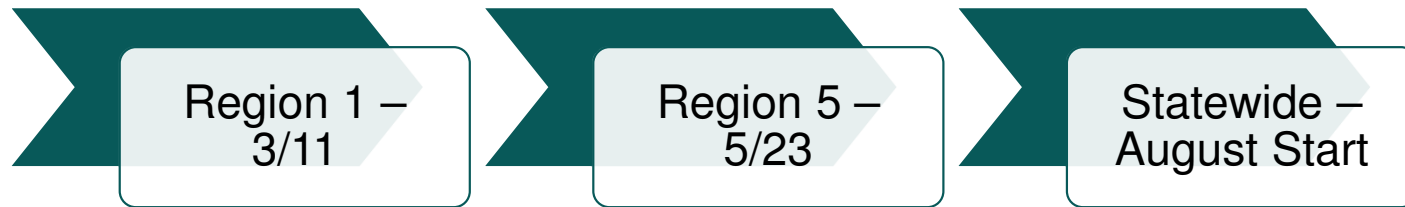
Application Information			
Date	03/16/2023	Application Type	Placement Assistance
Referring County	Carroll		
Referring Case Manager			
Referring Case Manager Name		Email Address	
Office Number	5555555555	Mobile Number	404-111-2222
Case Manager			
Case Manager Name		Email	
		Fax	
Office Number	5555555555	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 5 and we are planning on rolling this out to all Regions in the coming months



We will be attending your calls on an ongoing basis to provide regular updates on ARGO Placements

