

## Together Georgia's Mission & Values

Together Georgia is a preeminent voice in Georgia's child and family welfare policy-making through

1. Advocacy
2. Collaboration
3. Networking
4. Communication

## Together Georgia's Vision

Together Georgia will ensure that member organizations are equipped to serve those that their missions are tied to through distributing emerging data as well as by collaborating with key government figures and pertinent decision makers.

Together Georgia envisions a future where out-of-home care is considered an important part of the continuum of care. Together Georgia also envisions a future where children and youth are served appropriately along the continuum and receive the correct level of care to which they are entitled. Finally, Together Georgia envisions that all agencies along the continuum will receive adequate funding to support the services required and needed by "at-risk" children and youth. The Together Georgia of the future will be member-driven and member supported, with agency executives and staff actively involved and participating in association services.

## Operating Philosophy

Together Georgia believes

1. All children deserve to be valued, protected, respected and provided with opportunities for personal growth.
2. When out-of-home placement is necessary, children and youth have the right to receive appropriate, individualized care and services.
3. It is important to foster a planned, thoughtful approach to creating and implementing a continuum of services for "at-risk" children and youth.
4. There must be a concentrated effort to affect the well-being of "at-risk" children and youth, and that private and public agencies must work in partnership to ensure adequate resources are provided to support children's services.
5. It is imperative to enhance the professionalism and quality of care provided to "at-risk" children and youth.
6. It is necessary to provide opportunities for fellowship, support and networking among child welfare service providers.
7. Together Georgia understands that, as a membership association, its primary role is to work on behalf of those agencies that comprise the organization and provide services to "at-risk" children and youth. But the Association also realizes that a collective effort to increase awareness about the plight of our at-risk children and youth is the most powerful and successful means to improve the quality of life for children and their families. And we acknowledge that a strong, powerful association, involved in and stimulating that collective effort, can only come about through the active participation of its member's executives and staff.