



Our Mission

To support Foster and Adoptive parents in Georgia by:

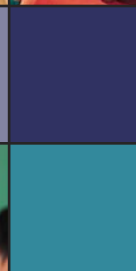
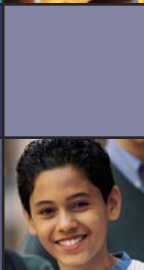
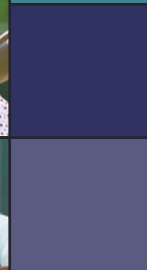
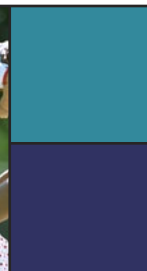
- *Providing information about child welfare issues that impact them*
- *Offering training to help parents become the best Foster/Adoptive Parents they can be*
- *Finding solutions to the challenges and problems that face Foster/Adoptive Parents as they care for Georgia's abused and neglected children*
- *Advocating about foster care and adoption issues and to provide even greater support for Georgia's Foster and Adoptive Parents*

In Short, Our Goal is:

"No Foster or Adoptive Parent Left Behind!"



*Advocates for Georgia's
Adoptive & Foster Care
Families Since 1973...*



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Every Child Deserves a Safe and Loving Environment...

The Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia's (AFPAG) primary mission is to unify all foster parents, agency representatives, and communities to benefit children who are now in the foster care system as a result of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. We are committed to providing every child with a safe and loving environment.

Formed in 1973 as the Foster Parent Association of Georgia, we later changed our name to include Adoptive parents to reflect the growing number of adoptions occurring as a result of foster parents adopting their children. Approximately 85% of all DHR adoptions are by foster parents. For these children, AFPAG works in cooperation with public and private welfare agencies to improve foster care and adoption processes, support, and to provide education for families in the foster care system.

Your Advocate & Your Voice

AFPAG is the voice of adoptive and foster families for their children across all levels of government in Georgia. We search for and support viable reforms to improve the quality of adoption environments and family foster care. AFPAG's Legislative Chairperson works closely with AFPAG's leadership to educate state legislators about the needs and concerns of foster/adoptive families. Our goal is to improve the child welfare system.

Promoting Community Awareness

AFPAG speaks out on behalf of Georgia's foster and adoptive children and their families to a variety of different groups, including the media. We promote community awareness of the issues and needs impacting foster and adoptive care.

AFPAG publishes a newsletter which is distributed to members and other interested parties. AFPAG also maintains a website at www.afpag.org which has the most up to date information about adoptive and foster care issues.

Regional Support and Commitment

AFPAG encourages the formation and development of local adoptive and foster parent associations by designating 16 Sub-Regional Vice Presidents to serve as local area representatives to 159 counties. These VPs are AFPAG's local arms, committed to giving personal attention to each area's continuing growth. Contact information for each VP is available on our website.

Education and Training

AFPAG concentrates on training and educating adoptive/foster parents and others working in the child welfare system. Our program helps prepare families to conquer hurdles and offers a format for networking and support of parents as they meet and interact with others dealing with similar issues. AFPAG holds the largest annual conference in the nation every February at Jekyll Island, GA.

Our message is:

There are children in need of families in Georgia and those children and the foster/adoptive families need everyone's support.



I want to join AFPAG! Please accept my membership request below!

The membership fee is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Membership Year Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.

Please make checks payable to AFPAG. Mail to: AFPAG | c/o Glenn Lewis | 1444 Hicks Road | Toccoa, GA 30577

Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ :State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ Email: _____

Company & Occupation: _____

Role: (Adoptive Parent, Foster Parent, DFCS Worker, Other) _____

Would you be interested in serving on a committee? Yes _____ No _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____