

Voices for Georgia's Children 2013 Legislative and Regulatory Priorities

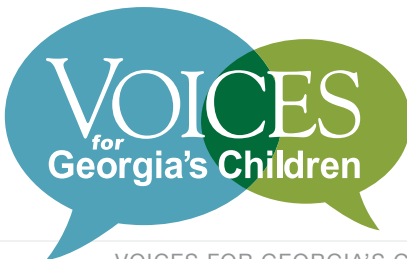
Overview

Voices' legislative and regulatory agenda supports a Georgia where children are:

- Safe
- Healthy
- Educated
- Employable
- Connected to family and community

2013 State Priorities

- Passage and implementation of juvenile justice system reform
- Increasing and improving all children's access to healthcare and healthy living, including:
 - ♦ Benefits to children under the federal Affordable Care Act
 - ♦ Best child-related practices in the redesign, funding and expansion of Medicaid, including Medicaid Assessment (e.g. "provider fee") reauthorization
 - ♦ Development, expansion and implementation of school-based health centers
 - ♦ Policies addressing Georgia's childhood obesity epidemic
- Expanded and improved Georgia's Pre-K program and childcare services
- Adequate funding for children's services, including newborn and child health screenings, early education and childcare
- Strategic supports for low-income families
- Adequate education and oversight initiatives for those caring for children of all ages



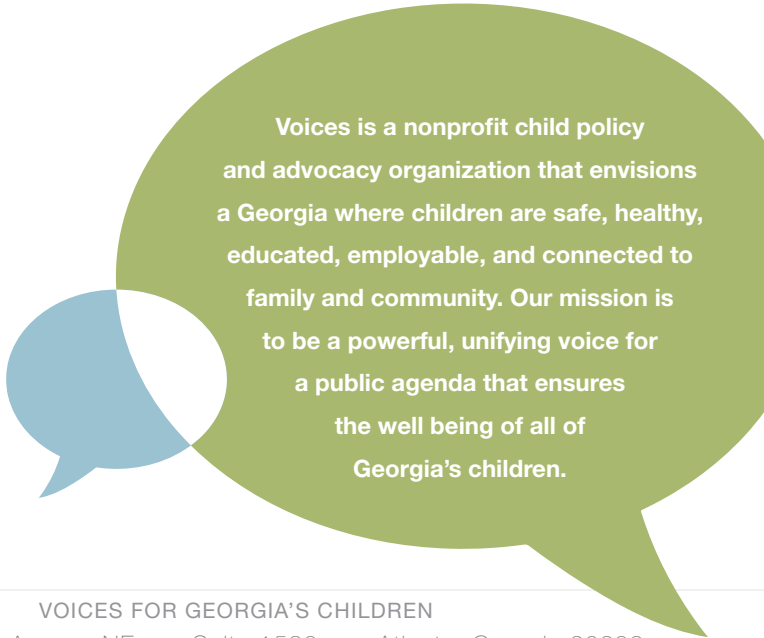
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2013 Federal Priorities

- Alternative to the domestic repercussions of the federal Budget Control Act (commonly known as the “BCA” or “ the Sequester”)
- Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
- Reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act with adequate early learning provisions
- Reauthorization of the Farm Bill, including:
 - ◆ Appropriate funding for SNAP and summer feeding program
 - ◆ Nutrition standards for school lunches
- Adequate federal funding for pediatric residency programs in Georgia
- Sustained funding for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)



Voices is a nonprofit child policy and advocacy organization that envisions a Georgia where children are safe, healthy, educated, employable, and connected to family and community. Our mission is to be a powerful, unifying voice for a public agenda that ensures the well being of all of Georgia's children.

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