

The Georgia Birth to Five Coalition is a statewide advocacy coalition comprised of organizations and individuals. Our mission is to promote the healthy development, education and care of all Georgia's children to ensure that they are prepared for an engaged, educated and productive childhood and adulthood by advancing an integrated and comprehensive set of policies and investments.

The Coalition's work is organized through work groups. Significantly, we have a strong and active Home Visiting Work Group of providers and advocates that have convened to share best practices, engage in advocacy, and promote home visiting.

The Georgia Birth to Five Coalition supports:

A comprehensive, coordinated, high-quality maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting system that assures a continuum of evidence-based or evidence-informed innovative, family-centered, culturally and linguistically appropriate home visiting services for families ranging from:

- Universal, strength-based promotion of health and development
- Targeted prevention services to strengthen families and support healthy child development and school readiness
- Intensive intervention services for women, infants, and families of children who have a higher likelihood of being at risk for child abuse or neglect or exposure to domestic violence, poor health, developmental, and educational outcomes.

We envision:

A statewide home visiting infrastructure that would improve the quality of home visiting services, effectively replicate model programs, and link home visiting programs to other efforts focused on promoting optimal maternal, infant, and early childhood safety, health and development by:

- Implementing and monitoring deliberate strategies, policies and program designs to achieve improved child and family outcomes from investments in home visiting
- Strengthening mechanisms for interagency and cross-program coordination supporting a continuum of maternal, infant, and early childhood services that can address a wide range of family needs and achieve results in a cost-effective manner
- Providing a coordinated system of home visiting professional development and technical assistance
- Promoting quality and assuring professional development, technical assistance, and supervision
- Establishing a web-based central intake, resource, and referral system for families and
- Establishing a universal, web-based data submission system based on a statewide evaluation and data analysis and dissemination plan.

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