

# VOICES

*for*  
Georgia's Children

## ABOUT VOICES

A NONPROFIT CHILD POLICY  
& ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION



*Making Life Better  
for Georgia's Children*

# Who We Are

Established in 2003, Voices for Georgia's Children is a nonprofit child policy and advocacy organization that envisions a Georgia where children are safe, healthy, educated, employable, and connected to their family and community. It is our mission to be a powerful, unifying voice for a public agenda that ensures the well-being of all of Georgia's children.

To fulfill our mission and, ultimately, make life better for Georgia's kids, we provide the necessary research-based information, collective voice and proposed legislation to help guide decision makers in the right direction – that is, supporting policies that ensure Georgia's children grow up to be healthy, educated and productive citizens.

Our coalitions and networks play a big role in our success as a respected child policy and advocacy organization. Learn more about them, including how to join, on our website: [www.georgiavoices.org](http://www.georgiavoices.org). In addition, we are a proud member organization of Voices for America's Children ([www.voices.org](http://www.voices.org)).



## What We Do

We have created a comprehensive policy agenda for children, and we use this agenda each and every day to guide our advocacy work, which takes many forms:

- Direct advocacy educates decision makers about sound policies and investments that affect Georgia's children.
- Polling, research and publishing provide context for healthy discussion.
- Community outreach stimulates public interest and engagement around key issues.
- Media campaigning translates complex public policy into language people can understand.

## Policy Agenda

The below five measures of child well-being help us understand how Georgia's kids are doing. They also drive our work and set the objectives for our three-pronged policy agenda:

1. *Early childhood*. Invest in early development and education for children from birth to age five.
2. *Child health*. Improve healthcare coverage, access and quality for children.
3. *Transitioning youth*. Support youth transitioning into young adulthood.

### How We Measure Results

Safe	# of maltreatment cases/1,000 children
Healthy	% of children uninsured
Educated	4th grade NAEP reading scores
Employable	% of 16-19 year olds not in school or employed
Connected	Juvenile detention rate



# Take Action

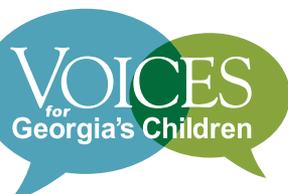
According to the latest Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Book, Georgia ranks 37th among states for child well-being – a figure that is steadily improving, but still a disappointment for Georgia's kids. If we want Georgia's children to compete both nationally and internationally, we must start at the beginning and support children and their families from birth into young adulthood.

## *How you can help:*

Our website is a great resource for advocates, potential advocates and information seekers.

Visit [www.georgiavoices.org](http://www.georgiavoices.org) to:

- Learn more about our networks and coalitions, including how to join
- Join our email list
- Connect with us on social media
- Respond to action alerts
- Browse our events calendar
- Search our publications and research archive
- Find contact information for elected officials
- Track bills that impact children
- Donate to help sustain our advocacy efforts



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