State Agency Salaries for Child-Serving Workers

Child-serving state agency workers help Georgia’s children and families get support for their most basic needs.

**Child-Serving Agency Entry-Level Salaries**

- $40,000
- $35,000
- $30,000
- $25,000
- $20,000
- $15,000
- $10,000
- $5,000
- $0

**DFCS Child Welfare Worker**

**DECAL Pre-K Teacher (with a 4-year degree)**

**DPH Registered Nurse**

**DBHDD Licensed Clinician (e.g. LPC, LCSW)**

**DBHDD Associate Level Clinician (e.g. LAPC, LMSW)**

**DFCS Food Stamps and Family Medicaid Worker**

**DJJ Corrections Officer**

**DJJ Probations Specialist**

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**Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**

Clinicians and social workers at Community Service Boards, which are safety net mental health providers based in communities, provide direct services to youth in the community and sometimes in schools. These services include individual, group, and family therapy.

- **Associate Level Clinician (e.g. LAPC, LMSW):** $44,741
- **Licensed Clinician (e.g. LPC, LCSW):** $48,361

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Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)

Child Welfare
Child welfare workers provide investigative and comprehensive case management for children experiencing abuse or neglect. They assess safety concerns, identify physical, educational, and behavioral needs of the child, parents, and foster parents, and ensure these needs are addressed.

Social Services Specialist I, Entry Level
Social Services Specialist II, Mid Level
Social Services Specialist III, Advanced Level
Social Services Specialist, Supervisor

Office of Family Independence
Office of Family Independence workers process SNAP/Food Stamp and Family Medicaid cases. They determine applicant eligibility and process applications.

Economic Support 1 (One Program)
Economic Support 2 (Two Programs)
Economic Support 3 (Three Programs)
Economic Support Supervisor

Department of Early Care and Learning
Georgia Pre-K teachers teach 4- and 5-year-old children, 5 days a week, 180 days per year. The school-day is 6.5 hours, and sometimes longer to provide before- and after-school care.

Pre-K Teacher, 4-year degree
Pre-K Teacher, 4-year degree & Certified
Pre-K Teacher, Master’s degree

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
DJJ staff are responsible for youth under DJJ supervision, both in detention facilities and on probation in communities.

Juvenile Probation Specialist, Entry Level
Juvenile Corrections Officer I, Entry Level
Probation Officer I, Entry Level

Department of Public Health (DPH)
DPH Registered Nurses provide nursing care, including for populations with special needs during natural disasters and emergencies.

Registered Nurse, Entry Level
Registered Nurse, Working Level
Registered Nurse, Advanced Level
Registered Nurse, Supervisor

*Amounts shown reflect the midpoint salary ranges for the positions listed. Salary ranges have not changed in more than five years.

Sources available here: www.tinyurl.com/GASalariesChildWorkers
Sources for State Agency Salaries for Child Serving Workers

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