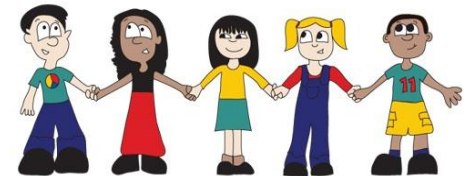


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DFCS, our Children
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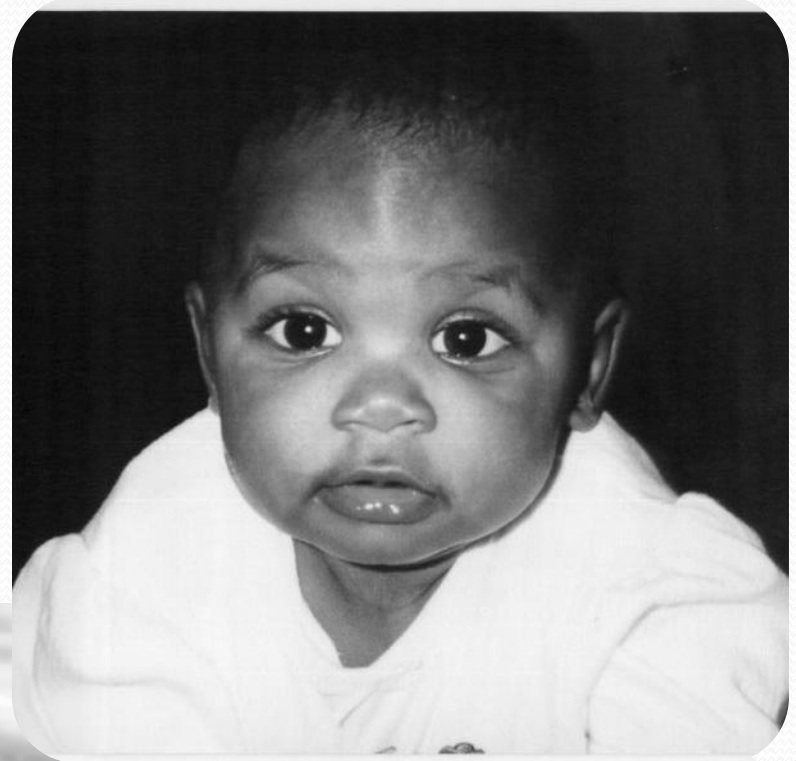


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Formerly North Georgia Coalition

GCP Agenda

- What?
- Why?
- How?



Overview

GCP's plan is to enlist several faith-based ,schools, businesses and service organizations throughout Georgia to provide resources to assist and/or care for DFCS foster children.



Why?

There are almost 9,000 foster children in Georgia who need a good, safe and loving home. Dozens of families are needed to help with abused and neglected children.

Benefits:

- Partnering with your own community and friends
- Help from your community base for support and retention of the foster homes
- Less cost to our tax base since private agencies cost more from our tax dollars and for our State
- Team work between DFCS caseworkers, foster parents and biological families can help reunification or adoptions
- No cost to our community partners that help

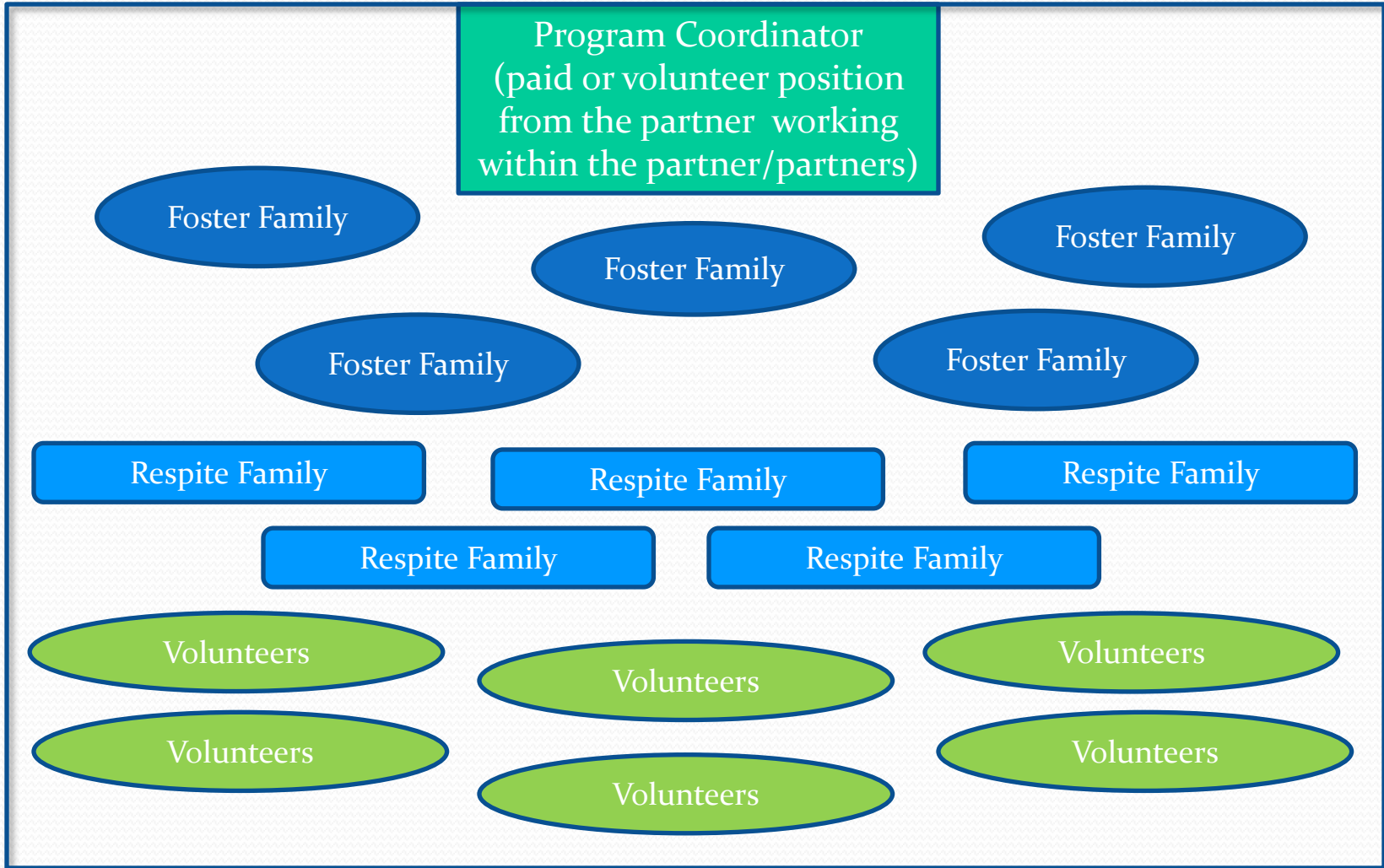
How?

Each faith-based, school, neighborhood, business or service organization would have a goal to supply a sample of:
(only takes one to start)

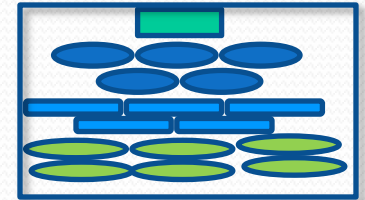
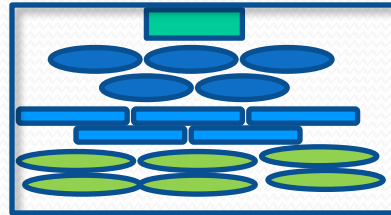
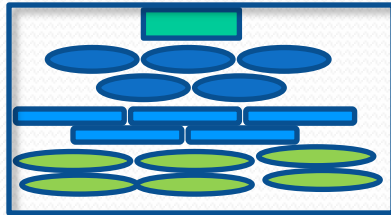
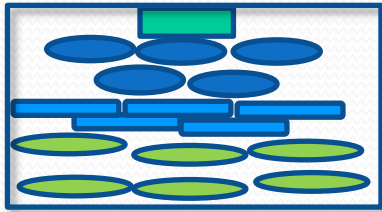
- 3 to 5 Foster Families
- 3 to 5 Respite Families
- 5 to 10 Volunteers
- A class room for training (one per
 - geographic area serving multiple families
- Schools, faith and civic organizations and community businesses are the best resource of stability, love, nurture and guidance to help our children heal
- Support resources in the area are already in place for clothing and training support



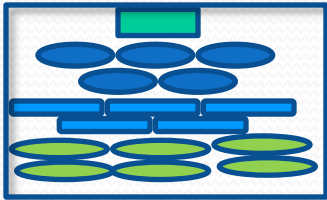
Each Partner Could Have the Following Structure



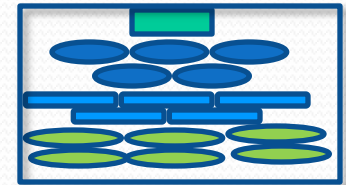
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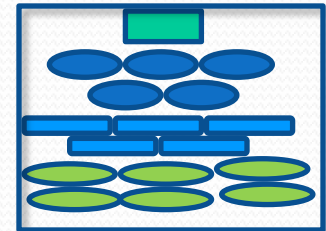
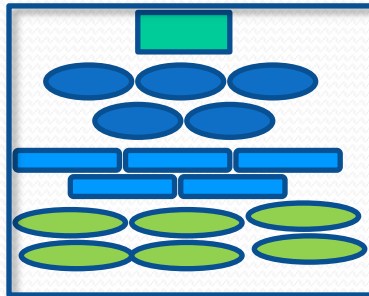
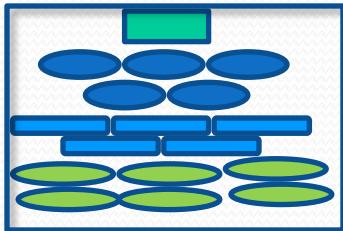
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Current partners involved
Roswell UMC, Fellowship Bible Church,
Peachtree Road UMC, Roswell First Baptist, North Point
Community, Roswell Presbyterian, DFCS, FCSF



your organization name can go here



3 to 5 Foster Families

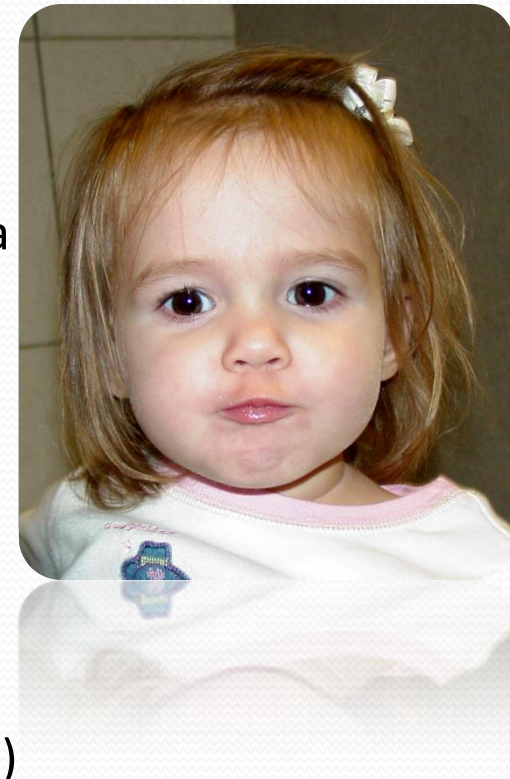
- Families would provide care for foster children:
 - Families would receive children at their discretion from the county's Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS)
 - *approval and licensing is free

Requires:

- Training from the County DFCS held in your area
- Background checks-provided by the county
- Home inspection
- Love and Compassion

Returns:

- Stipend of about \$15.04 to \$19.36 per day
- Stipend is non taxable
- Love, smiles, hugs, sainthood
(riches are in heaven and in our hearts and souls)



3 to 5 Respite Families

- Think of babysitting; respite is short term care when a foster family needs a night, a day, a weekend or a week off for vacation, emergency, take a kid to college, maybe even a movie.
 - Respite parents have the same training, background checks and home approval process as foster parents
 - Respite parents receive the stipend when they keep a child overnight
 - Respite families can, at any time, decide to become full time foster families or adoptive families without further training needed



Volunteers

- Driving children to appointments when needed; medical, DFCS office visits, court, taking to the park, etc

- Helping with visitation:

Trained Supervision of child visits with biological families

- Provide specialized services for incoming new children

- Day provider:

Background checked to watch children for a few hours, perhaps take them to the park

example: Foster Smiles on the

FCSF website Resource page

Dentist and pediatricians can donate a first check up when a child comes into care

Eye professionals can assist with vision needs etc.



Coordination

A coordinator from each partner, can be paid position or volunteer, will work with a facilitator which would be managed at central location such as the Foster Care Support center

This person will:

- Organize information and needs for their group and/or coordinate with other groups and FCSF
- Coordinate foster parent needs with community volunteers-FCSF can assist
- Coordinate transportation for children
- Coordinate respite needs for foster families
- Plan other events, picnics etc. if applicable



End Results

- No middle man or contract fees to pay for such as payment to child placing agencies, no partnership fees to belong
- Direct communication with DFCS caseworkers about the children in your care
- Direct link to necessary information regarding the special needs of the foster child or their background experiences
- Multiple communities involved with supporting you and the neglected and abused children
- Helping mentor families
Creating new families by adopting when reunification is not an option



Questions?

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Hope for our children

