

# THE FIFTH ANNUAL CHILD PLACEMENT CONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 17 to Friday, November 19, 2004



Radisson Riverfront Hotel Augusta/  
Country Suites Augusta Riverwalk  
Augusta, Georgia

# WELCOME!

## Welcome to the 5th Annual Child Placement Conference!

On behalf of all the conference partners, we are excited to welcome you to this tremendous cross training opportunity. This collaborative event is the largest statewide multi-disciplinary gathering in the field of child welfare in Georgia. This child welfare team includes new and experienced DHR placement staff, supervisors, resource development staff, independent living coordinators, DJJ case managers, private providers, administrators, foster parents, juvenile court judges, attorneys, CASA's, mental health professionals, law enforcement, educators, and community volunteers.

This event is celebrating its fifth year. Each year, the conference has expanded its collaborative partnership and the cross-section of topics concerning the latest information on working with children and families who are at-risk. Unique to this conference is the highlighting of the many services that are available to children and families in Georgia, how our communities can work together to leverage these resources and how each of us can do our part.

It is in this spirit of collaboration and partnership that this conference is put together. The very existence of the conference speaks to our commitment to each other and to the children and families we serve. In times of shrinking resources and expanding needs, it is more important than ever that we work together to leverage the resources for children. It is critical for us to share information in this way so that we may access all possible resources for our children to ensure the best possible support for them.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this important training opportunity. Thank you for all you do, and we look forward to our continued work together for the children and families of Georgia.

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Executive Director  
GAHSC

Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia  
Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children  
Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges,  
Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates  
Georgia Department of Human Resources/Division of Family and Children Services  
and Division of Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases  
Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice  
Georgia Sheriff's Association  
Office of the Child Advocate  
Office of Planning and Budget  
Prevent Child Abuse Georgia  
Supreme Court of Georgia Child Placement Project

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## ■ Wednesday, November 17, 2004

**8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

Registration/Visit Exhibits

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

Opening Session/Luncheon

**1:45 PM - 3:15 PM**

Workshops, Session A

**3:15 PM - 3:30 PM**

Break with Refreshments

**3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

Workshops, Session B

## ■ Thursday, November 18, 2004

**8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

General Session

**10:10 AM - 10:15 AM**

Break

**10:15 AM - 11:45 AM**

Workshops, Session C

**11:45 AM - 12:45 PM**

Luncheon

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

Workshops, Session D

**2:30 PM - 2:45 PM**

Break with Refreshments

**2:45 PM - 4:15 PM**

Workshops, Session E

**6:00 PM to 7:00PM**

Networking Reception - Plaza Lobby

## ■ Friday, November 19, 2004

**8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

Workshops, Session F

**10:00 AM - 10:15 AM**

Break

**10:15 AM - 11:45 AM**

Workshops, Session G

**11:45 AM - 1:30 PM**

Closing Session/Luncheon

# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2004

■ 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Registration/Visit Exhibits

■ 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Opening Luncheon and Keynote

■ 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM  
Workshops A1-A8



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Dr. Shane Salter, N.D.**

Dr. Shane Salter currently serves as Executive Director of CASA for Children of DC. Prior to assuming this role, he served in the administration of Mayor Anthony Williams as Chief of Staff for the Office of Children, Youth, Families and Elders. He has held positions as Director of Foundation Giving at the Freddie Mac Foundation, National Director of the Marriott Foundation For People with Disabilities: Bridges.... from School to Work, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer at For Love of Children (FLOC); a comprehensive community based non-profit. At For Love of Children, he successfully lead a full-scale restructuring of all agency programs and operating systems while providing programmatic oversight for foster care, neighborhood tutoring, youth development, transitional housing and an alternative school for severely emotionally disabled students.

Dr. Salter also served as a Senior Hospital Administrator and Reengineering Consultant at Children's Hospital in Washington DC for over eight years and is a licensed Naturopathic Doctor in the District of Columbia.

With over 15 years of senior managerial experience and advocacy on behalf of children and families, Shane Salter has been active with a host of organizations that focus their efforts on improving the lives of underserved families and children. He is a nationally acclaimed speaker at conferences, universities, and public service organizations. Along with his many contributions to child welfare reform and practice, he has also served as Board Vice President for Creating Opportunities for Parent Empowerment (COPE) and President of Adoptive Families of America (AFA). He has also served on the board of the National Association of Counsel for Children and currently serves on the National Board of Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (NCASA), Communities in Schools of DC and the steering committee for Girls Inc. of Washington DC.

**Note:** All workshop sessions will be set up to accommodate a limited number of people. Seating will be on a first come, first-served basis. Workshops will close when they become full and participants must attend another workshop.

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## **Promoting Resilience in Children**

Judge Peggy Walker, JD, Douglas County  
Juvenile Court  
Lisa Lariscy, Gwinnett DFCS Director

In our work we observe children who have experienced terrible trauma, yet they go on to succeed in school, at home and in the community. Others who experience lesser trauma never recover. Why? What makes children resilient? How can we promote resilience in our work to assure success for the children we serve?

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## **Legislative Update: A Recap of the 2004 Session of the General Assembly and Hot Issues for the 2005 Session**

State Representative Mary Margaret Oliver,  
JD, Georgia House of Representatives

Come hear all about legislation affecting children that was passed in the 2004 legislative session, including child endangerment and the new Foster Parent Bill of Rights, among many others. Come also hear about legislative issues affecting children that are afoot for the 2005 session!