

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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**AUGUSTA PARTNERSHIP
FOR CHILDREN, INC.**

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APC PROFILE

OUR MISSION

To develop and sustain partnerships that provide services to improve the lives of children and their families.

OUR VISION

Our children will have the tools and supports to become healthy, educated and responsible adults.

THE HISTORY OF AUGUSTA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.

Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. was established in 1985 as the Augusta Coalition for Children and Youth, and renamed in 2006 as the Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. (APC). APC's history is simple, a group of local do-gooders concerned about the health and well-being of children and families related to teen pregnancies, juvenile arrests, poverty, etc. Their work eventually led to an invitation from Governor Zell Miller in 1991 to participate in a collaborative venture –The Family Connection Partnership of Georgia - on behalf of children and families.

This venture was to be funded by the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation. As partners were added to the process, the Family Connection was able to expand its service area and the number of children and families served. Since its inception, APC has grown from nine partners to over 80 partner and stakeholder agencies representing business, government, non-profit, health, faith-based, school-based, and community-based agencies.

Today, we are proud to serve as the local partner for the state-wide network known as the Georgia Family Connection Partnership. This unique network brings together more than 3,000 local-and state-level partners in all 159 counties across Georgia who work toward measurably better outcomes for our state's children, families, and communities. Georgia Family Connection is the only statewide network in the country dedicated to the health and well-being of families and communities.

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. I am pleased to present our annual report, covering the period of September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023. During this period, APC accomplished many things, most of which you will see and read about throughout this report. In addition, we faced many challenges, that we were able to recover from. More specifically, a major milestone for APC was that we sold our old property and purchased a new property. In sad news, we missed a funding opportunity to support local teens build healthy relationships and promoting sexual risk avoidance education; however, we continued to make progress in other areas of service.

Furthermore, APC facilitated a soft rebranding including the revision of our logo and updating our tagline, which are two very important tasks to accomplish as we focused on positively impacting our children through networking, engaging, and connecting. APC believes that the needs of the total family can be better met through collaboration and mutually reinforcing systems of support. With that said, for more than 35 years, APC has remained committed to the process of collaboration, as it is the only true way to address community needs. Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much."

I am truly grateful to our many friends, partners, stakeholders, and sponsors for their role in creating solutions to local challenges for children and families living in Augusta. More importantly, thanks to the APC staff for being feet on the ground and working through the many challenges facing our children and families. They perform an amazing job every day. We are also grateful to our Board of Trustees who provide guidance and support in an effort to get us moving in the right direction. It was because of each of you, we were able to positively impact our children. Ariadne Brill said, "The way we treat our children directly impacts what they believe about themselves."

In closing, I sincerely thank you for your continued support of the Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc., and I look forward to working with each of you to accomplish many new goals. I challenge you to be fully committed and engaged in the process of collaboration across sectors to address the complex health and social needs of children and their families.



RESPECTFULLY,

Candice L. Hillman, MSW

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Abundant Life Worship Center
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Amerigroup
AmeriCorps' Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Program
Augusta Housing Authority
Augusta Parks and Recreation
Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System
Augusta University Suicide Prevention
Augusta University Health Services Program
Channeled Paths
City of Refuge Enterprise
CSRA EOA Project Head Start
CSRA RESA
Department of Public Health District 6 WIC Nutrition Services
Division of Family and Children Services
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First Community Bank
First Presbyterian Church
Georgia Department of Labor WorkSource GA
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Georgia Safe Routes to School
Georgia Youth Challenge
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Intellisystems
Integrated Psych Solutions
Leading Everyone To Success
LifeLink of GA
Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta
Medical Associates Plus
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Paine College
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SWAT Foundation, Inc.
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WHAT WE DO

Through collaboration and the collective efforts of over 80 partnering agencies, we promote systems and social change that not only improves the lives of children and families but also strengthens the community through Networking, Engaging and Connecting.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- The family is the single most important institution in our society and it should be maintained as a unit.
- Families need to be empowered to promote self-sufficiency and growth.
- Each individual has value and deserves dignity "To be all that they can be."
- The needs of the total family can be better met through collaboration and mutually reinforcing systems of support.
- Prevention and intervention are the key to better outcomes and can not occur too soon.
- Children and their families can be successful when educational, emotional, social, spiritual, and physical needs are met.

OUR WORK

Utilizing a Collective Impact framework to foster alignment within and among community systems. APC ensures that all children are healthy, primed for school and positioned to succeed in school and in life.

OUR APPROACH

Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc., is a charitable non-profit collaborative purposed to create solutions to local challenges experienced by children and families using the expertise and knowledge of people living in Augusta Richmond County. Our services include training, home visiting, health education, group facilitation and resource sharing.

NETWORKING

Focusing on the power of collaboration, partnerships are formed to provide strategic guidance around youth and family serving initiatives and to support direct services to children and families.

ENGAGING

Throughout our existence, the APC has launched innovative programs and championed causes for the betterment of our community and the children and families therein. Through systems alignment, strong inter-agency collaboration and community capacity building efforts, APC has had a great deal of success. Our successes include 1) the creation and launch of the Family Self Sufficiency Initiative 2) the launch of the Continued Change Initiative 3) the role out of our Parents as Teachers Program and the evolution of our First Steps Program.

CONNECTING

APC strives to ensure that the community is aware of and connected to personal and professional training and development opportunities. We believe it's important to keep the community abreast of emerging issues that threaten the health and well-being of children and families.

WHAT WE'VE DONE IN PHOTOS



MORE OF WHAT WE'VE DONE IN PHOTOS



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SOCIAL MEDIA REACH & IMPRESSIONS

61,771



FACEBOOK

2,484



INSTAGRAM

209



TWITTER

3,130



YOUTUBE



WEBSITE VIEWS

TOTAL VIEWS

18,234

AVERAGE VIEWS PER DAY

159

PROJECT REACH

Live streamed Virtual
Lunch Chats via the
Augusta CAREs
Parent Cafe

10

Stakeholders engaged
via the Augusta CAREs
Sexual Risk Avoidance
Strategy Team

25

Getting AHEAD in a
Just-Gettin By World
and Getting AHEAD
for the Workplace
participant

70

Families served
through Parents As
Teachers

119

Families screened via
First Steps

444

PROJECT REACH

Pounds of Prescriptions Drugs Collected via GenRX Take Back	205
Referrals to Service Providers via the First Steps Program	966
Quarterly Collaborative Presenters	7
Teens Completing Love Notes Implementation	471
Volunteers Engaged	35

2021-2022

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Parents of the Year

Ms. Tamesha Williams, Augusta CAREs Initiative
Ms. Collene Henvill, Parents As Teachers Program
Ms. Alicia Chapman, Parents As Teachers Program

Volunteer of the Year

Ms. Tina Rathe, Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta

Outstanding Collaborative Supporter of the Year

Ms. Zonia Garrar, The Salvation Army

Outstanding Program Supporter

Ms. Renee McCabe, Safe Kids Greater Augusta

Outstanding Youth Advocate

Miss Makayla Bishop, Youth Community Change Commission Member

The Most Improved Employee Award

Ms. Shunte Gaines, Parent Educator

The Above and Beyond Award

Mr. Kevin Johnson, Communication Coordinator



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