



How you can help

Donations of goods and services will give EMBRACE the financial and in-kind support it needs to support foster families and children in foster care.

EMBRACE needs your help. Please volunteer your time or offer support for EMBRACE events held throughout the year, such as Family Event Nights, County Focus Groups, and Resource Fairs.

We need:

- Cash contributions
- Childcare at EMBRACE events
- Childrens clothes & supplies — ages birth to teen
- Discounts on goods and services
- Gift cards
- Printing services for marketing & communication
- Meeting space
- Refreshments at events
- Volunteers

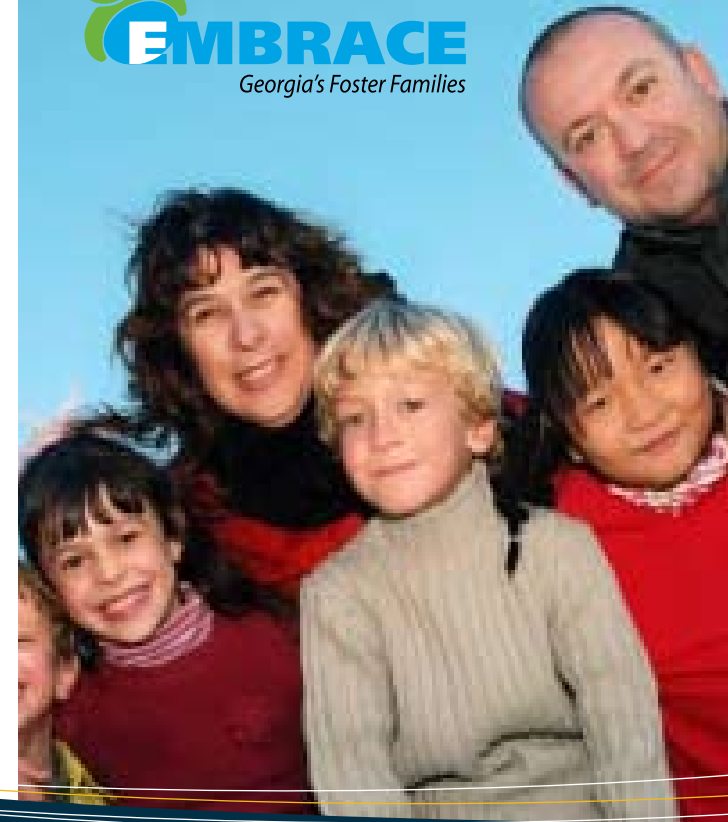
Call EMBRACE today to find out how you can help.

Local Representatives:

Cherokee County	Amy Blanton	770-893-8847
Cobb County	Katrinka Smith	404-313-6453
	Tangi Penrod	770-885-6586
Douglas County	Marti Caputa	770-378-3611
Gwinnett County	Paula Canant	678-558-8764
Rockdale County	Erin White	404-754-1268

Statewide Representative:

David Meyers 706-542-1108



We embrace Georgia's Foster Families



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An innovative public-private partnership to support foster parents.

BETTER RESOURCES FOR FOSTER PARENTS, BETTER OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

EMBRACE provides a menu of services, engages caseworkers and others to resolve issues, and offers support to DFCS foster families in Georgia.

PARTNERS:

- FANNING INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
- GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES (DFCS)
- FOSTER FAMILY FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA, INC.

Currently EMBRACE is available to DFCS foster families in five Georgia counties: Cherokee, Cobb, Douglas, Gwinnett and Rockdale. More than 320 foster families have been served in these counties since 2006. Over the next three to five years, EMBRACE will work to become available to all DFCS foster families in the state.

strengthening foster families, involving the community

OUR MISSION

Founded in response to a recommendation by First Lady Mary Perdue's Children's Cabinet, EMBRACE has been helping Georgia's DFCS foster families since 2006. Its mission is two-fold:

- retain and increase the number of foster families prepared to address the special needs of children in state custody
- involve the community to support foster families and protect children

FOSTER PARENT LIAISONS

EMBRACE employs Foster Parent Liaisons who are current or former foster parents to coordinate local activities and build community support. They link foster families in their county to each other, to DFCS and to community resources.

The Liaisons not only serve as local ambassadors for foster families, they also recruit in-kind and cash contributions and provide services to foster families.

current services

EMBRACE'S Foster Parent Liaisons provide services to DFCS foster families in their county based on local resources and needs assessment data. Services include:

COMMUNICATION

Events, newsletters, and Web sites keep foster parents, EMBRACE partners and staff informed and connected.



MENTORING

New foster parents receive mentoring from seasoned foster parents.



NATURAL HELPER

EMBRACE helps establish an informal support system that includes individuals identified by foster parents.



TRAINING

EMBRACE coordinates and provides ongoing training for new and veteran foster parents.



WE'RE HELPING FOSTER FAMILIES. FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP TOO.

Contact your local Foster Family Liaison or the state representative.