



Connecting our community...



Coordinated **940** hours of trainings including:

- Poverty Simulation
- Stewards of Children
- Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)



1,116 volunteer hours
= **\$33,480** in kind dollars



- **2,500+ Community Resource Directories** distributed
- **250+** families connected to local resources at **A Family Fair**
- **292** Dawson County Junior High 9th graders connected to local resources at **Teen Maze**
- **11 Community Collaborative Meetings** held in FY23
 - **50+** local resource agencies represented

\$9,240 worth of goods collected and distributed to Dawson County families



Scan QR Code to access our updated **Community Resource Directory**



Connecting our resources.

*FY23 Results



Children with a substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect*

DAWSON 9.3 per 1,000	GEORGIA 3.9 per 1,000
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Children leaving foster care who are reunified with their families or placed with a relative within 12 months of entering foster care*

DAWSON 35.1%	GEORGIA 31.2%
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Number of mentally unhealthy days reported in the past 30 days** (Adults)

DAWSON 4.9	GEORGIA 4.5
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How often do you feel stressed?*** (Dawson County High School Students)

SOMETIMES 32.8%	ALWAYS 33.2%
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In the past 30 days, how many days have you felt depressed, sad, or withdrawn?*** (Dawson County High School Students)

1-10 DAYS 28.7%	>10 DAYS 18.6%
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*2020 Kids Count
**2020 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
***2023 Georgia Student Health Survey

Dawson County Family Connection Collaborative Structure

Resources/Support

Georgia Family Connection Partnership

Technical Assistance/Support
To Counties, State Agencies, & Partners

Georgia General Assembly

Funding to Fiscal Agent
Dawson County Government, Fiscal Agent Since 1999

Local

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Since 2021

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FY24 Strategy

Improving Family Stability & Improving Mental Wellness

- A Family Fair
- Community Resource Directory
- Foster Care Appreciation/Support
- Foster Care Recruitment
- Kinship Care Meetings
- Mental Wellness Brochures
 - For Students
 - For Parents
 - For Adults
- Reverse Advent Calendar
- Secondary Traumatic Stress Training
- Stuff the Bus
- Suicide Prevention Awareness
- Teen Maze
- Trauma Informed Care Trainings
- Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) Training

— DAWSON COUNTY — family connection™

Our Vision: All children in Dawson County will have the opportunity to become successful, contributing, productive, and self-sustaining adults.

FY23
July 2022-
June 2023



our families...



Provided monthly support to Dawson County's Kinship Caregivers engaging **19 families** (27 caregivers and 34 children)

Awarded Kinship Cohort funds in FY22 and FY23 totaling **\$13,500.00** to bolster kinship support groups and the families attending

Thank You

A special thank you to all who support Dawson County Family Connection and have made a time or monetary donation towards our success! We appreciate your contribution to us and the Dawson County community!