



Child Enrichment Center

# April 2022 Newsletter



**"You won't know how refreshing a puddle can be unless**

Dear Parents:

We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 15th. The egg hunts will be as follows:

K1 - 9:30 small playground

K3 - 9:30 big playground

K2 - 10:15 small playground

K4 - 10:15 big playground

ASP - 3:15 big playground

The class parties will be immediately following the egg hunts. We are asking that each child bring in 12 PRE-STUFFED eggs with individually wrapped candy or other age appropriate items.

**NO LOOSE CANDY!**

Please remember **NO NUTS/PEANUTS or PEANUT BUTTER** products due to allergies. Please drop your eggs at the front office no later than Tuesday, April 12th. Parents/Guardians are still unable to attend the egg hunt or classroom parties.

As always, thank you for allowing us to love your children!

Laurie



# APRIL BABIES

**"April has put a spirit of youth in everything." —William Shakespeare**

**Zodiac:** Aries until April 20 and Taurus from April 21

**Gemstone:** Diamond (lucky baby!)

Meaning invincible (translated from the Greek work "adamas"), the diamond is one of the hardest substances on earth. The "healing powers" attributed to diamonds include balance, clarity and energy.

**Flower:** Daisy

Daisies symbolize innocence, purity and love that conquers all.

**Tree:** Rowan, Maple, Walnut



**KIDDOS**

**Birthdays**

*Walker Thomaston 4/6/2021*

*Abel Paradiso 4/7/2019*

*Kaden Mihalkovic 4/7/2020*

*Eleanor Wetzel 4/8/2020*

*Garrett Austin 4/10/2018*

*Graham Johnson 4/12/2015*

*Johnathan Flores 4/15/2021*

*James Greyson 4/18/2019*

*Elizabeth Murray 4/21/2019*

*Emersyn Walker 4/24/2019*

*Hunter Volle 4/25/2019*

*Maxwell Ammons 4/27/2020*

*Addie Simmons 4/27/2020*

*Lily Hawk 4/29/2008*





# Employee Birthdays

Tashayla Ford 4/27





# Important Dates

**April 1 — April Fool's Day**

**April 2 — Autism Awareness Day**

**April 6 — International Day of Sport for Development & Peace**

**April 6 — National Tartan Day**

**April 7 — World Health Day**

**April 9 — National Unicorn Day**

**April 10 — National Siblings Day**

**April 11 — National Pet Day**

**April 11 — Divine Mercy Sunday**

**April 12 — International Day of Human Space Flight**

**April 15 — Good Friday**

**April 17 — Easter**

**April 18 — Tax Day (Taxes Due)**

**April 22— Earth Day**

**April 23 — World Book and Copyright Day**

**April 24 — World Immunization Week Starts**

**April 25 — World Penguin Day**

**April 26— International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day**

**April 27 — Administrative Professionals Day**

**April 28 — World Day for Safety and Health at Work**

**April 29 — International Dance Day**

**April 29 — Arbor Day**

**April 30 — International Jazz Day**



# Monthly Observances

**National  
Cancer  
Control  
Month**





# HEARTWORM AWARENESS MONTH

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Heartworms are foot-long worms that infest the heart, blood vessels and lungs of our pets. They can cause severe damage to major organ systems, including lung disease and heart failure.

0 MONTHS

6 MONTHS



HEARTWORM MATURE INTO FULL-GROWN ADULTS IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS.



HEARTWORMS ARE TRANSMITTED AS LARVAE FROM MAMMAL TO MAMMAL BY MOSQUITOES, SO THEY'RE MORE PREVALENT IN WARMER SEASONS AND CLIMATES.



2-3 YEARS

HOW LONG CAN HEARTWORMS LIVE IN CATS AND DOGS?



5-7 YEARS

MEDICATIONS USED TO TREAT HEARTWORM DO NOT WORK FOR CATS, WHICH MAKES PREVENTION EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR OUR FELINE FRIENDS.



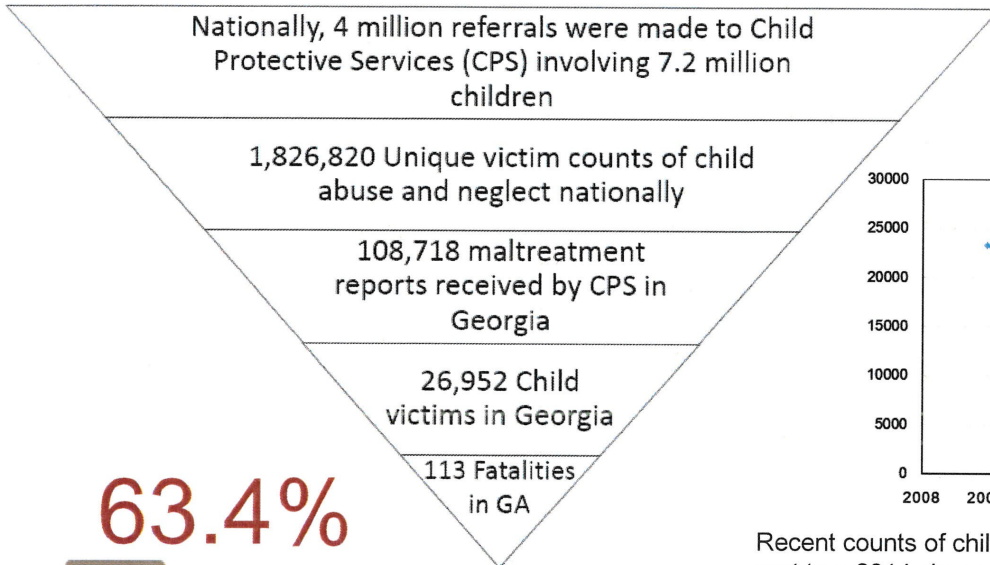
SIGNS YOUR PET MAY HAVE A HEARTWORM:

- LACK OF APPETITE
- COUGHING
- FATIGUE
- WEIGHT LOSS

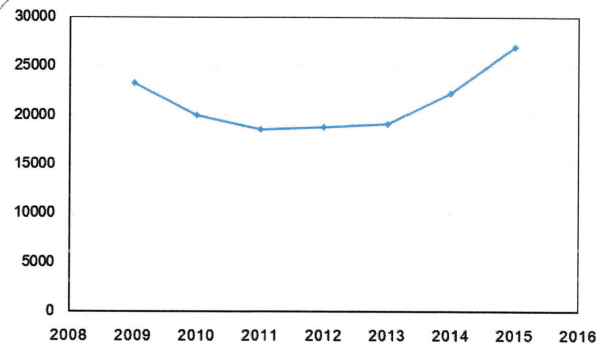


# Child Abuse and Neglect in Georgia, 2015

## Child Maltreatment in Georgia



Number of Child Maltreatment Victims in Georgia by Year



**63.4%**



of reports to CPS nationally were made by professionals that serve children and families.

Recent counts of child victims have increased, this may be in part to a 2014 change in Georgia's reporting mechanisms. Reports can now be made 24 hours a day online and through a centralized intake phone number.



Georgia ranked 42nd in the nation for child well-being in 2016.<sup>3</sup>

## Types of Maltreatment

**Physical Abuse** 2,913 victims\*

The non-accidental physical injury of a child.

\*Victim counts for Georgia in 2015<sup>1</sup>

**75%**

of fatalities were 3-years old or younger <sup>1</sup>



**Sexual Abuse** 927 victims\*

Child exploitation for sexual gratification of an adult or older child.

**Psychological (Emotional) Abuse** 5,745 victims\*

Excessive or aggressive behavior that places unreasonable demands on a child, usually occurs as verbal abuse.

**Neglect** 20,121 victims\*

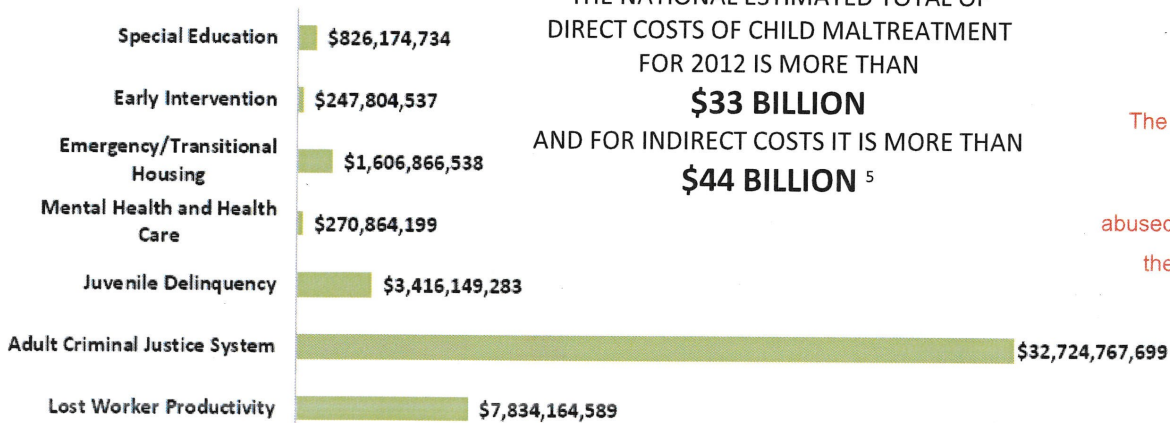
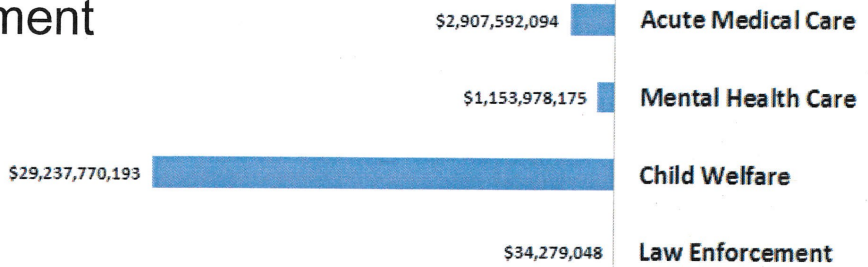
Failure to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, supervision or failure to meet emotional or psychological needs; neglect is the most common form of child abuse



# Cost of Child Maltreatment



The estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect in Georgia in 2012 ranges from \$2 Billion to \$3 Billion.<sup>5</sup>



THE NATIONAL ESTIMATED TOTAL OF DIRECT COSTS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT FOR 2012 IS MORE THAN **\$33 BILLION** AND FOR INDIRECT COSTS IT IS MORE THAN **\$44 BILLION**<sup>5</sup>

The total yearly cost of **ONE** abused or neglected child in the United States is **\$63,871**.<sup>4</sup>



## Resources in your Community

### 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia's helpline is an information and referral toll-free phone number for people who are concerned about the healthy development of children and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Callers will be connected to appropriate resources in their communities Monday through Friday from 8 am to 6 pm.

### To Report Child Maltreatment

Suspected child abuse or neglect can be reported to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS). Please call 1-855-GACHILD (1-855-422-4453) or email a completed mandated reporter form to [cpsintake@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:cpsintake@dhr.state.ga.us). Reports are taken 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have an emergency, please call 911 or your local police department.

### Mandated Reporter Training

For in-person training, please contact the Program Coordinator of Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, Naeshia McDowell, at [nmcdowell2@gsu.edu](mailto:nmcdowell2@gsu.edu); for free online mandated reporter training visit [www.preventchildabusega.org](http://www.preventchildabusega.org).

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# Lydia's Looney Corner

## It's Almost Summer Smoothie

1/2 c. fruit | 1 meat alt. | Yield: 16 - 8 fluid ounce servings

### INGREDIENTS

Names	Weight	Measure
Yoplait® ParfaitPro® Low Fat Strawberry Yogurt (166631)	4 lb	8 cups
Pineapple Juice, chilled	2 lb 4 oz	4 cups
Applesauce, canned, unsweetened, chilled	2 lb 4 oz	4 cups
Total Weight	8 lb 8 oz	

### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine yogurt, pineapple juice in 8 quart or larger measurement-marked storage container; stir until well mixed.
2. Add applesauce, 2 cups at a time, stirring until smooth.
3. Verify mixture yields 4 quarts (16 cups) so each serving contains 1/2 cup fruit; add applesauce as needed to yield 16 total cups and stir.
4. Portion 8 oz into 9 oz serving cups; place lids on cups and serve chilled; refrigerate if not serving immediately. May also refrigerate overnight.

### TIP

Fill 1 serving cup with 8 oz of smoothie; use as a visual guide to fill remaining cups.

### NUTRITION

*Nutrition values calculated using weights of ingredients*

**8 fluid oz:** Calories 160 (Calories from Fat 10); Total Fat 1g (Saturated Fat 1/2g; Trans Fat 0g); Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 55mg; Total Carbohydrate 35g (Dietary Fiber 0g; Sugars 26g); Protein 4g

**% Daily Value:** Vitamin A 10%; Vitamin C 10%; Calcium 10%; Iron 0%

**Exchanges:** 0 Starch, 1/2 Fruit; 1 1/2 Other Carbohydrate, 1/2 Skim Milk, 0 Low -Fat Milk; 0 Milk; 0 Vegetable; 0 Very Lean Meat; 0 Lean Meat; 0 High-Fat Meat; 0 Fat

**Carbohydrate Choices:** 2

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# Egg-shillaratina Plant Pots



*See how outdoor plants grow by bringing nature indoors.*

**What You'll Need:** 1 egg carton; scissors; black marker; potting soil; four seed packets; spoon; plate; water

**Make It:** Cut off the top of the egg carton, leaving just the bottom. Separate four egg cups from the carton to create a pot collection and use scissors to trim the edges so they are even and smooth. Write the name of each plant on one side of each of the egg cups and fill each with a few scoops of potting soil. Place a few seeds of one plant in the appropriately labeled pot. Place all the pots on a large plate and position the plate near a sunny window. Water the plants according to the instructions on each package. When the plants get too big for the pots, transfer them to a bigger pot or to a garden outside. There's no need to remove the plants from the egg cups when planting in the garden; they will decompose into the soil!



# I Know What You Meme:

