

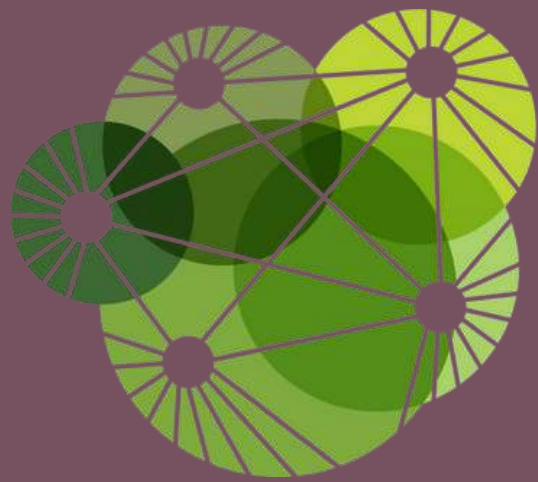
Columbus Family Connection

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About Family Connection



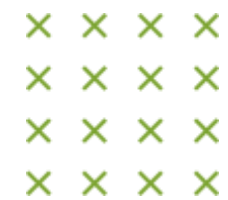
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PARTNERSHIP

The Georgia Family Connection Partnership was started in the early 90s as a solution to Georgia's 48th out of 50 ranking for overall for educational, social, economic, and physical well-being of children.

The framework to combat these issues were

- healthy children
- children ready to start school
- children succeeding in school
- stable, self-sufficient families
- strong communities

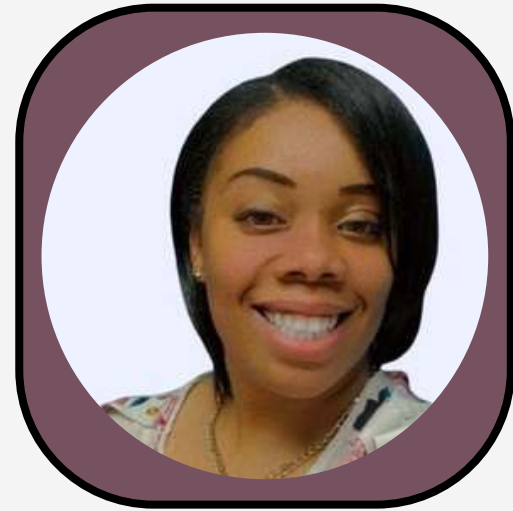
Here in Columbus, we mimic this framework by creating our own annual plan based on data provided by various outlets. The plan is constructed by the Columbus Family Connection director, collaborative members, and board.



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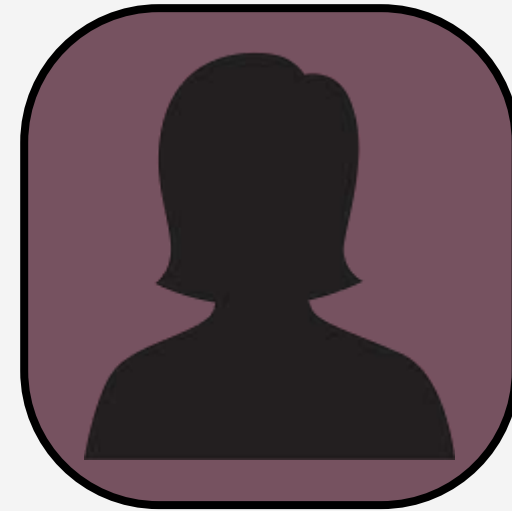
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Vision & Mission

Vision

We envision a Columbus where families have access to resources and tools that promote healthy communication, positive relationships, and the development of skills that enable them to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.

Mission

Through collaboration and a shared commitment to growth and development, it is our mission to create a community of healthy children and families, who are supported with necessities to thrive



Our Goals



- Cultivate and strengthen relationships with community partners through collaboration
- Provide trainings and educational opportunities for children, parents, caregivers, teachers, and partners
- Better understand and utilize data specific to the Columbus/Muscogee County area in
- Monitor progress and analyze results; adjust strategies to encourage more favorable outcomes



Our Goals

- Improve school readiness, third grade reading, and overall community health
- Work with partners and residents to complete a community needs assessment
- Implement the Neighborhood Navigators program

Neighborhood Navigators

The Neighborhood Navigators initiative is a program modeled after a curriculum started with Athens Family Connection.

The goal of the Neighborhood Navigators is to empower individuals and communities by helping them navigate the resources and services available to them, and by working to address the underlying issues that prevent them from accessing those resources in the first place.

The plan is to hire four full-time, temporary individuals who will perform the following, and other duties:

- Cultivate relationships with citizens of designated areas within the community, and provide services and resources to meet their needs
- Develop and maintain knowledge of community resources citizens can benefit from
- Participate in community trainings dedicated to to implementing policies regarding the overall well-being of children and families in the area
- Complete and distribute to program/progress reports

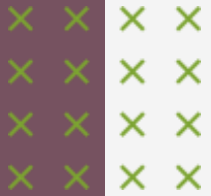
Neighborhood Navigators

How it Works

- Establish rapport
- Identify needs
- Provide information and resources
- Support referrals and connections
- Assist with applications and enrollment
- Follow up and advocacy
- Community outreach and education
- Documentation and reporting
- Continuous learning and development

Outcomes

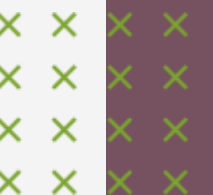
- Improved access to resources
- Increased community engagement
- Enhanced community Empowerment
- Improved communication and information sharing
- Strengthened social support networks
- Positive community changes



Columbus Family Connection will work with partners to engage organizations, the faith community, and families to increase parent engagement in support of improving school readiness, leading to improved outcomes for third-grade reading, while also improving the overall health and stability of the community

Community health and resource fairs
Build Your Child's Brain Workshops
Parent Cafe's
Literacy Festival
Book Distribution
Community Needs Assessment
Re-pack the Backpack
Voter Registration
Family Emergency Kits
Teen/Parent Summit

Holiday Food/Toy Giveaway
Mayor's Summer Reading Club
Community Resource Guide
Career Fairs
Adult Reading Club
Volunteer Opportunities
Drug Resistance Education
Parent Advisory Council



Our Partners



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