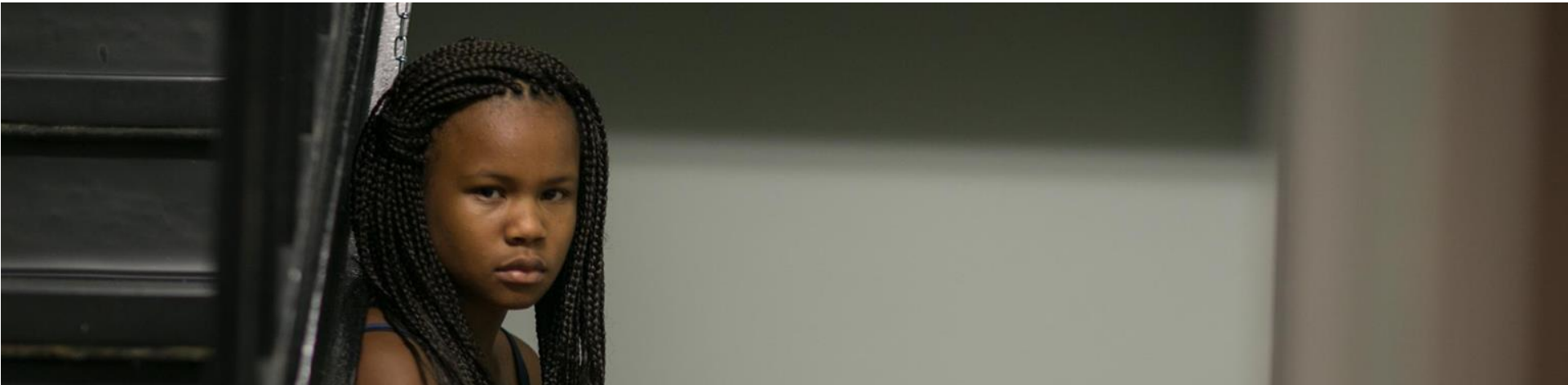




- ... Prevention*
- ... Awareness*
- ... Education*
- ... Restoration*



## WHAT IS DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING?

- Violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion used by sex traffickers to compel adults and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will.
- Under U.S. federal law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.

# WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE DOMESTICALLY

- STATISTICS •



**up to 300,000**  
children vulnerable  
trafficking



**2.5 million**  
youth are homeless



**1 in 4**  
girls are sexually abused  
by the time they turn 18



**85-89%**  
foster care  
involvement

- Georgia Cares served **1,053** youth in 2019, a 33% increase from 2018
- The average age of entry into child sex trafficking and exploitation is **13.9** years old (in Georgia).
- On average, victims have been in the life for **8.5** months before they are referred to Georgia Cares for services and support.
- In 2019, the majority of youth served were female (**86%**), but currently **14%** of the population served is male.
- The majority of youth served were African American (**44%**). Caucasian youth made up **31%** and Hispanic youth made up **8%** of total youth served.
- Georgia Cares has received reports for DMST youth from **145** counties across the state of Georgia.
- In 2019, Georgia Cares responded to **23** referrals from Muscogee County.

# CJCC | County Level Referrals: SFY17 – SFY19

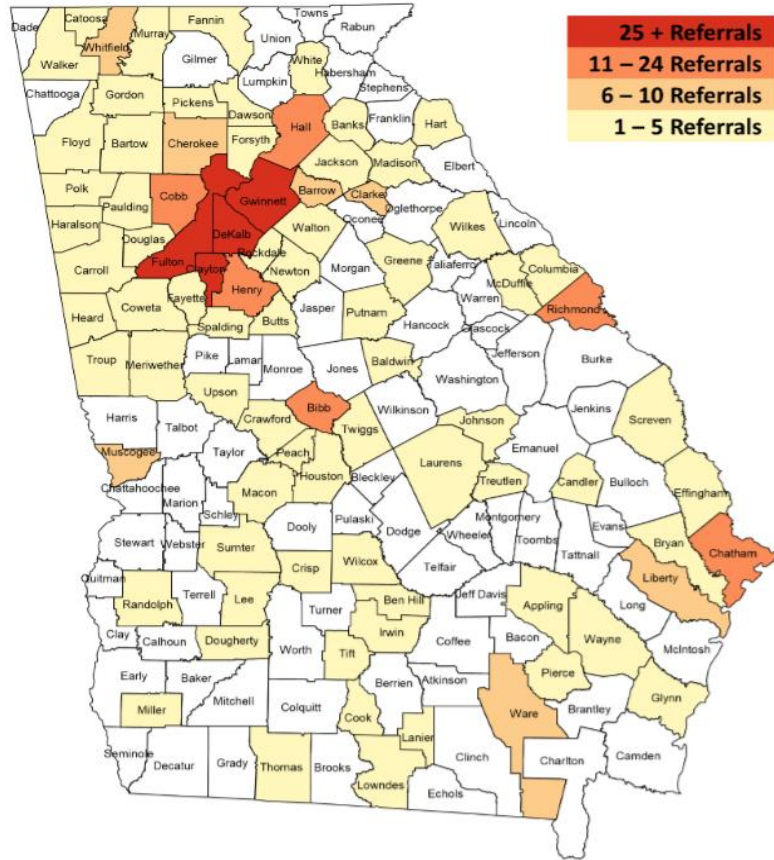


Figure 5. Referral Counties during FY2017.

SFY17 – 84 counties made a referral for suspected DMST.

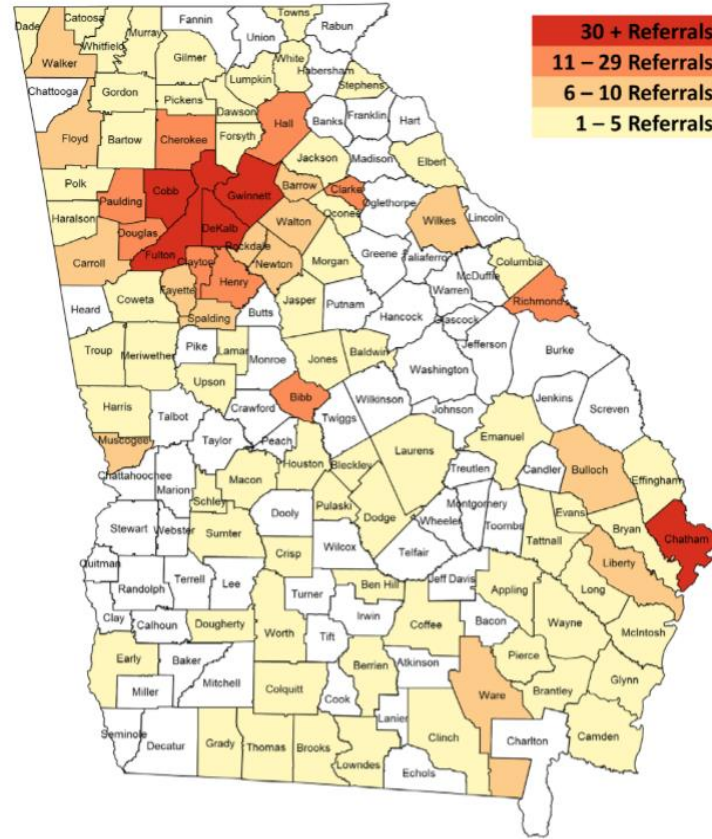


Figure 1. Referral Counties during FY2018.

SFY18 – 92 counties made a referral for suspected DMST.

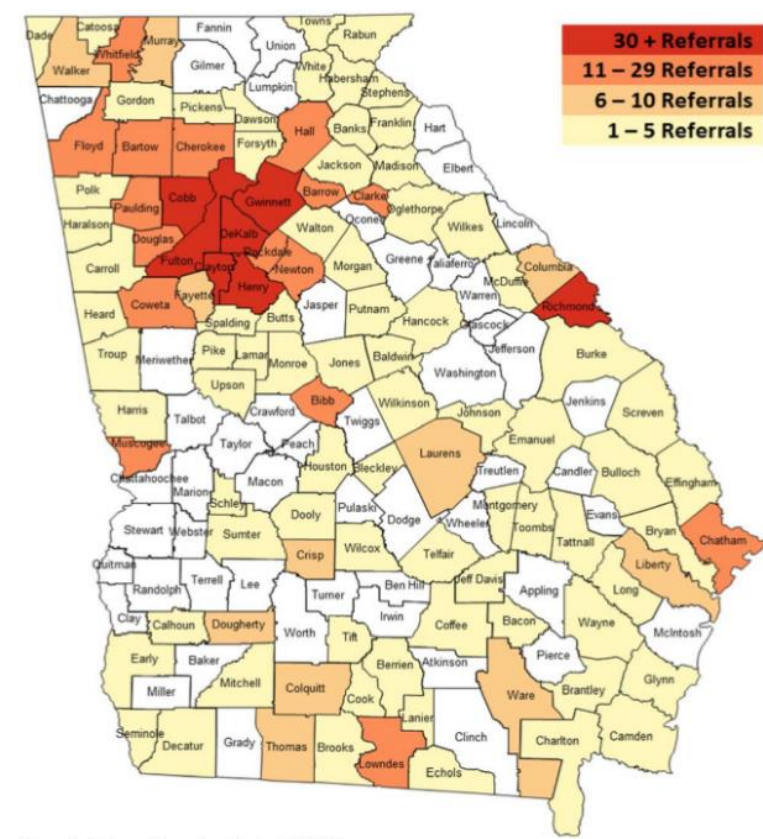


Figure 1. Referral Counties during FY2019.

SFY19 – 108 counties made a referral for suspected DMST.

*Carl Vinson Institute of Government FY17, FY18, FY19 Annual Evaluations*

# WHAT'S NEXT

- STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING
  - FOSTER CARE TRAINING
  - GEORGIA CARES ASSESMENT
  - NOT A NUMBER CURRICULUM
  - HOTEL INDUSTRY TRAINING
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS



# HOW TO REPORT

Department of Family & Children Services

1-855-422-4453

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
(NCMEC)

1-800-843-5678

Georgia DMST Hotline

1-844-842-3678

National Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888