



# First Lady's Children's Cabinet

Ensuring all of Georgia's children are educated, healthy, safe, and productive members of society

The First Lady's Children's Cabinet coordinates policies and resources to improve outcomes for children and families. The Cabinet provides unique leadership on child welfare and juvenile justice issues in Georgia by identifying state strategic priorities, then developing initiatives in response.

## APPROACH

- ❖ **COLLABORATION**~ Agencies can do more collectively to improve services for children and families than they can do individually
- ❖ **LEADERSHIP**~ Cabinet members are responsible and accountable for systemic changes and for leveraging resources
- ❖ **EXPERTISE**~ Cabinet members identify state strategic priorities & develop initiatives in response

## VALUES

### *Each child has the right to be:*

- Safe
- Healthy
- Educated
- Productive
- Connected to Caring Adults

### *Programs and services for children will be:*

- Family centered
- Individualized and appropriate
- Culturally competent
- Cost effective
- Data and outcome driven

## RESULTS

- ❖ **Elimination of gaps & duplications in services, resulting in a system of care.**
- ❖ **Increased efficiency and effectiveness of child welfare and juvenile justice resources.**

## Cabinet Members

First Lady of Georgia, Chair  
Commissioner, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
Commissioner, Department of Community Health  
Commissioner, Bright from the Start, Department of Early Care & Learning  
Commissioner, Department of Human Services  
Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice  
State Superintendent of Schools  
Director, Office of the Child Advocate  
Director, Governor's Office for Children and Families  
Deputy Commissioner, Division of Community Services and Intake, Department of Juvenile Justice  
Deputy Commissioner, Division of Programs and Secure Campuses, Department of Juvenile Justice  
Director, Division of Family and Children Services, Department of Human Services  
Director, Division of Public Health, Department of Community Health  
Disability Services Ombudsman  
President, Council of Juvenile Court Judges  
Director, Council of Juvenile Court Judges