

## Interagency NEWS! Week ending Feb. 3, 2017



**DCA CHANGE** - If you're involved in manufacturing, warehouse and distribution, processing, telecommunications, broadcasting, tourism, research and development, biomedical manufacturing, or services for the elderly and persons with disabilities, be aware that the Department of Community Affairs tier rankings for 2017 has reclassified Gordon County from a Tier Two to a Tier Three. As a result, businesses planning to create new jobs in counties with a higher tier level for 2017 are strongly advised to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with DCA no later than February 15, 2017 in order to preserve the 2016 JTC benefits for the next three years (2017, 2018 and 2019). More information at <http://www.myvirtualpaper.com/doc/georgia-brochures/business-incentives-brochure/2016021701#5>.

**Overview of GA 2018 Fiscal Year Budget** The \$25 billion state budget proposed for the 2018 fiscal year starting July 1, 2017 lays out a roadmap to fund the people's business over the coming year. It's a \$1.26 billion increase in spending over the 2017 budget approved last year, an increase of 5.3 percent.. [Here's our overview of the 2018 state budget.](#)

**Georgia Prevention Day at Capitol** Substance Abuse Prevention Day will be held on Tuesday, 2/14, at the state capitol. Kick Off at 10:00 am with a Rally at 1:30 pm. For more information - <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07edabxcya421235f8&oseq=&c=&h=>

**GA HOPE New Website** Visit the new interactive website for information about referrals, follow up, and job opportunities. [www.gahope.org](http://www.gahope.org)

**2nd Annual Art Show "From My Perspective: An Exhibition for All Artists, Featuring Artists with Disabilities,"** on Thursday March 16, . This is a community show for all artists (with or without disabilities) ages 14 and up in East Tennessee and North Georgia. At Trousdale School in Cleveland, TN, there will be awards, door prizes, and a silent auction where artists may sell their work and receive 100% of the purchase price! Last year there were 58 artists from 13 different organizations and over 200 in attendance. Questions and registration forms – Sarah Bradley at 423-479-7130 or [sbradley@trousdaleschool.org](mailto:sbradley@trousdaleschool.org)

**Save the Date-** In observance of National Crime Victim's Rights Week, the Office of the District Attorney will be presenting a special informative program for savvy seniors and agency staff serving seniors. Save the date Thursday, April 7.

**Proper maintenance of personnel files** and other employment files helps to ensure that all of the relevant information about employees is maintained in the appropriate place, and that employment actions that are taken by the organization are supported by correct documentation. Check out the helpful guidance on what to keep, and what not to keep, in personnel files. Full article, [click here](#).

**SAVE THE DATE** – Day for the Latina Woman/Dia de la Mujer Latina Watch for more details for this event on Thursday, March 6, from 6 – 8:00 pm. Call 706-625-5586.

**NGHP Senior Living Brunch** "Aging with Dignity" by Lorena Bowers, Chaplain at Murray Medical Center. On Friday, 3/24, from 9 – 11:00 am. RSVP to [aharp@nghp.org](mailto:aharp@nghp.org) or call 706-272-6662, x 102.

**Brain 101: Understanding Brain Development in Children and Adolescents** Receive foundational knowledge about how adversity and trauma can impact brain development. And be introduced to brain architecture and early brain development in children. CEU's available. Thursday, 3/9, Dalton. Register: [http://peprogram.gsu.edu/calendar/action~month/exact\\_date~1488344400/cat\\_ids~31/request\\_format~html/](http://peprogram.gsu.edu/calendar/action~month/exact_date~1488344400/cat_ids~31/request_format~html/)

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**Amerigroup Georgia Families 360° Program** Town Hall Workshops provide information on the following topics:

- Information on our Care Coordination Team and how they can help our members
- Information on Medical Consent and Timeline Processes for newly enrolled GF360° members
- An overview of our Behavioral Health Services and referral process

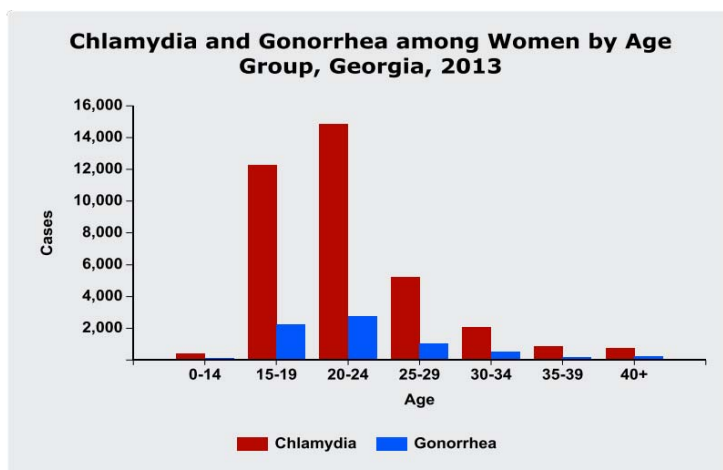
All participants receive a Certificate of Participation reflecting the number hours of attendance for the training session. Wednesday, March 8, 2017 10:00AM-11:30AM at Rome Goodwill Career Center, 154 Hicks Drive, Rome **Register Here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-hall-workshops-presented-by-amerigroup-georgia-families-360-gf360-program-tickets-30703244230>

**Elaine Chapin Fund Invites Applications for 2017 Scholarship Program** is accepting applications for postsecondary education of students affected by multiple sclerosis, either directly or as a family member. Recipients chosen on the basis of financial need, academic standing, and the degree to which multiple sclerosis has affected their lives. Deadline: April 30.

<https://sites.google.com/site/theelainechapinfund/>

**HIV/STDs In Our Community** In 2013, an estimated 3,011 adults and adolescents were diagnosed with HIV in Georgia. Georgia ranked 5th among the 50 states in the number of HIV diagnoses in 2013.

Untreated STDs are a common cause of pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility and chronic pelvic pain. In 2013, Georgia ranked 9<sup>th</sup> of the 50 state in chlamydial infections and ranked 8<sup>th</sup> for gonorrheal infections. Please review the data charts below –



Per CDC Georgia 2015 State Health Profile, [https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/stateprofiles/pdf/georgia\\_profile.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/stateprofiles/pdf/georgia_profile.pdf)

### STD Incidence For Youth, Ages 15-19 (Per 1,000)

Year(s): 5 selected | Data Type: All

Data Provided by: Georgia Family Connection Partnership

Location	Data Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Georgia	Number	22,135	19,978	17,518	18,054	19,102
	Rate per 1,000	31.6	28.6	25.2	25.9	27.0
Gordon	Number	37	70	58	56	61
	Rate per 1,000	9.5	18.3	15.2	14.5	15.4

For more information, contact Family Connection Gordon County at 706-602-5139 or follow us on Facebook.