

## Interagency NEWS! Week ending Jan. 27, 2017



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### **Improving Therapy by Increased Cultural Understanding of Verbal and Non-verbal Clues**

presented by Professor of Anthropology and Sociology Dr Murl Dirksen. Sponsored by and held at Gordon Hospital's Harris Radiation Therapy Center 9:30am-11:30am on Wednesday, 2/1. Arrive between 9-9:30am for morning refreshments and networking!

**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 for Georgia to fund the people's business over the coming year. It represents a \$1.26 billion increase in total state spending over the 2017 budget approved last year, an increase of 5.3 percent. While the proposed budget represents a high water mark for Georgia in absolute dollar terms, it only returns per-capita state spending to just below pre-recession levels. [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)

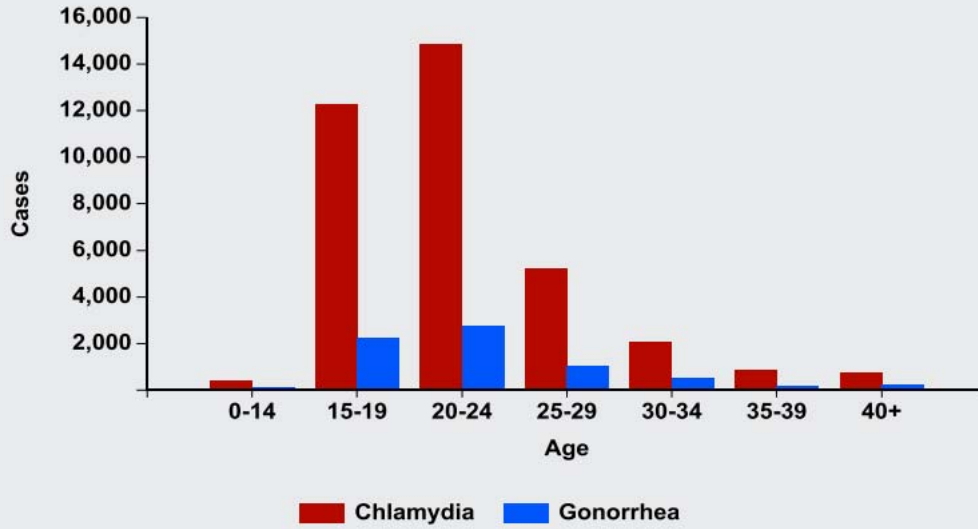
**Save the Date-** In observance of National Crime Victim's Rights Week, the Office of the District Attorney will be presenting a special informative program for savvy seniors and agency staff serving seniors. Save the date Thursday, April 7.

**GORDON COUNTY STDs** 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 –

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### Chlamydia and Gonorrhea among Women by Age Group, Georgia, 2013

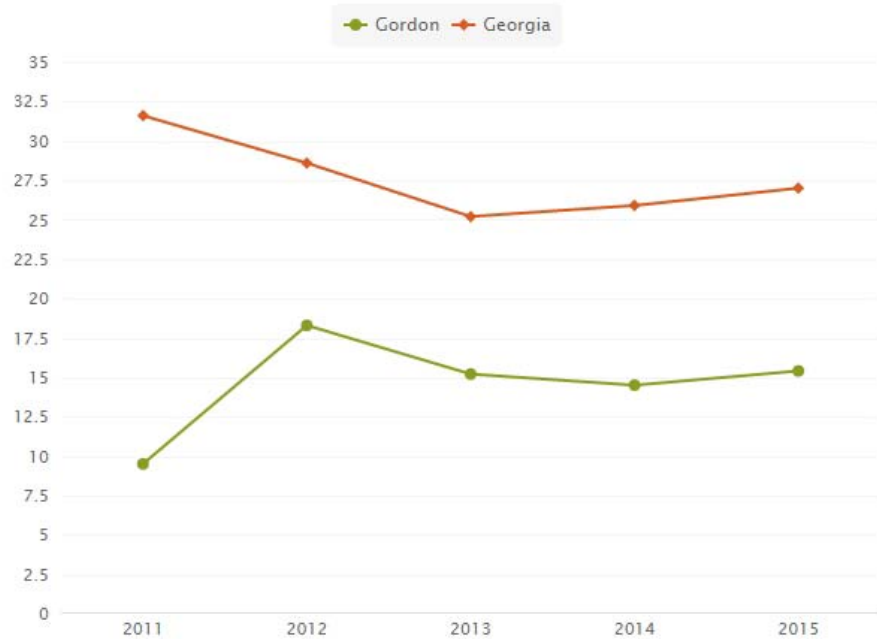


Per CDC Georgia 2015 State Health Profile, [https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/stateprofiles/pdf/georgia\\_profile.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/stateprofiles/pdf/georgia_profile.pdf)

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

Year(s): 5 selected | Data Type: Rate per 1,000

Data Provided by: Georgia Family Connection Partnership



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