

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

The Georgia Training Institute offers training in family development that is based on five key factors that help prevent child abuse and neglect, as researched and identified by the Center for the Study of Social Policy (with support from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation):

For Adults

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development
- Concrete Support in Times of Need

For Children

- Healthy Social and Emotional Development

WHAT THE STUDENTS TELL US

"This class helped me see the power in truly respecting diversity, appreciating and recognizing the strengths that all bring."

"I realized I do not always have to be the problem-solver; that through active listening I can empower a family to solve their own problems."

"I know now that I must focus on being present with each family; I must take care of myself, set my own attainable goals, to effectively help others."

"This class not only gave me a more complete understanding of the strengths I need to identify in the families I work with but also those I need to find in myself!"

JOIN THE NATIONWIDE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT MOVEMENT...

Learn more about family development training programs at Sheltering Arms' Georgia Training Institute. Contact:

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Family Development Training



Strengthening Families
Through Early Care and
Education

The power of education begins here.™

PROGRAMS

Sheltering Arms Georgia Training Institute (GTI) offers a number of professional development opportunities for those working with families. Students learn and practice a variety of skills for strength-based family support.

The Georgia Training Institute recognizes the important role we all play in the life of a child and their family. GTI provides family development professionals with access to information on the relevance of creating positive relationships. Our workshops provide practical, cost-effective ideas to implement a strengthening families approach.

Current Family Development Topics:

- Parenting 101
- Promoting Male Involvement
- Overviews of National Initiatives
- Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect
- Building Effective Relationships
- Recognizing Positive Attributes that Build Healthy Families
- How to Implement Strategies in Programs

MISSION

The Georgia Training Institute provides family development training opportunities at introductory, intermediate and advanced levels to meet the needs of all professionals based on their background and experience.

The Institute strives to build professional competence so that family development workers are able to successfully meet the challenges of their daily work.

In addition to training, the Institute provides on-site consultation support to programs building strong family development initiatives.



GOALS

- Increase awareness that strengthening families is central to quality child care and education.
- Increase best practices among early care and education professionals, using key protective factors that prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Improve working relationships among early care and education systems and the support networks that are critical to families.
- Promote prevention planning among family-centered environments.

STRATEGIES

- Facilitate relationships built on mutual respect.
- Link to services and opportunities.
- Strengthen parenting skills.
- Observe and respond to early warning signs of child abuse/neglect.
- Respond to family crises.
- Value families.
- Foster social and emotional competency.