

## **Family & Children Services Board**

The Family and Children Services Board was established in 1937 by Georgia law. The Board consists of 5 members appointed by the Board of Commissioners as a whole as of July 1, 1994. Traditionally Gwinnett County has allowed one appointment from each commission district and one appointment from the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. In addition to the five required members, the Board of Commissioners may, but is not required to, appoint two additional members. One of these members should be a school counselor employed by Gwinnett County and one member should be a law enforcement officer of Gwinnett County who is responsible for investigating reports of child abuse. The Chairman of the Family and Children Services Board is designated by the members.

Members serve 5-year terms.

### **Responsibilities:**

To advise County departments in the administration of all forms of public assistance in the County, including all welfare activities delegated to the Board of Commissioners.

### **Meeting Date/Time:**

The Family and Children Services Board meets the last Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The meeting date and time may be changed subject to Board approval.

### **Compensation:**

Members in attendance at the monthly meeting are compensated by a state per Diem of at least \$15 per month and a county allotment of \$70 per month.

### **Qualifications/Training:**

No specific training is required; however, members must be residents of Gwinnett County, must reflect the characteristics of the county population, and must not be elected officials.

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<b>Appointment</b> - Representing - Position	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Chairman's Appointment	Pat Swan	06/30/2012
District 1 Appointment	Katherine Knight	06/30/2013
District 2 Appointment	Dauida Baker	06/30/2016
District 3 Appointment	Sharon Harris	06/30/2015
District 4 Appointment	Debbie Heard	06/30/2014
BoC Appointment - Law Enforcement Representative	Chris Rafanelli	06/30/2014
BoC Appointment - School Counselor Representative	Catherine Garcia-Brake	06/30/2014