



2026 GEORGIA 2GEN SUMMIT

ACCELERATING 2GEN APPROACHES ACROSS GEORGIA

September 15-16, 2026

Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort
Stone Mountain, Georgia

The Georgia Children's Cabinet, in partnership with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, will host a state convening that highlights Georgia's current efforts and leadership on 2Gen approaches, strengthens collaboration between policy, practice, philanthropy, and parent leaders, and expands training on implementing the 2Gen approach at the local level.

Goals

- Equip Georgia's practitioners, policy makers, and community leaders with tools to develop, implement, and evaluate 2Gen strategies
- Showcase Georgia's leadership and innovation as well as local and regional 2Gen success stories
- Foster collaboration across agencies and organizations
- Expand participation in 2Gen training beyond the Georgia 2Gen Academy
- Strengthen partnerships and commitments across the state

Audience

- Service providers and community leaders across Georgia
- Policy makers
- State agency program staff
- Philanthropic partners
- Parent leaders and advocates

Format

• Pre-Conference – September 15, 2026

The pre-conference is designed as a 2Gen Academy demonstration, immersing participants in the foundational 2Gen concepts of family voice, systems thinking, and interagency collaboration. These sessions are best suited for organizational leaders who want to learn more about the 2Gen approach.

• Summit – September 16, 2026

National thought leaders, state agency leaders, practitioners, and parent champions will convene to share ideas and strategies that can strengthen Georgia's families and transform systems. Through plenaries, interactive learning tracks, and cross-sector conversations, participants will explore how policy, practice, data, workforce pathways, and family leadership align to create 2Gen impact across Georgia.

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September 15, 2026 | Foundations and Inspiration

1:00 PM **Welcome**

1:30 PM **Pre-Conference Workshops**

- 2Gen 101 – Participants will learn the basics of the 2Gen approach and the critical role of family voice in program and policy development and implementation.
 - Introduction to Systems Thinking – This session provides a high-level introduction to systems thinking, helping participants understand how programs, policies, and organizations interact and why collaboration across systems is essential for effective 2Gen work.
 - Two Lanes, One Destination: How State Agencies and Nonprofits Use 2Gen Approaches – Drawing on experience in both state agencies and the non-profit sector, this session will explore the distinct and complementary roles each plays in a 2Gen system and how intentional interorganizational collaboration leads to better outcomes for children and families.
 - Building Your Collaboration Toolbox – Participants will explore practical tools and frameworks for building sustainable interagency partnerships that support coordinated, family-centered systems.
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4:30 PM **Welcome Reception**

September 16, 2026 | Learning and Collaboration

9:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Plenary**

10:00 AM **Leading 2Gen At the State Level**

Hear directly from state leaders from across the country who are advancing 2Gen approaches across agencies and systems. In these interactive conversations, speakers will share lessons learned, implementation challenges, and strategies for sustaining collaboration. Two rounds of discussion will allow participants to choose the conversation most relevant to their interests.

12:00 PM **Networking Lunch and Fireside Chat**

Georgia state leaders discuss what a 2Gen approach looks like within their agencies, with a focus on systems change and building strong interagency partnerships.

1:00 PM **2Gen Champion Award**

The 2Gen Champion Award recognizes outstanding leaders who spearhead interagency partnerships, demonstrating leadership, collaboration, and measurable impact in advancing 2Gen approaches across Georgia.

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2Gen Learning Tracks

Participants will engage in two rounds of concurrent learning tracks. Each track highlights diverse perspectives and practical 2Gen strategies. Georgia Lightning Talks will showcase local innovation. Four of the learning track options below will be offered each round.

- Policy and Systems Change – Designing policy with families at the center requires building bridges across agencies and sectors. This track explores how leaders can craft policy that incentivizes collaboration, removes barriers to partnership, and supports coordinated solutions for children and families.
- Practice and Program Models – What does 2Gen look like on the ground when it is working well? This track highlights program models that intentionally serve children and caregivers together, putting the 2Gen framework into action across a variety of settings.
- Data, Measurement, and Evaluation – Strong 2Gen strategies depend on data that tells a full family story. Participants will explore concrete examples of data collection and how agencies and organizations are using data to inform decisions, improve programs, and drive systems change.
- Workforce and Postsecondary Pathways – Economic mobility for families requires access to education and quality employment. This track highlights strategies to align workforce, postsecondary, and family supports to help parents persist, complete credentials, and move into careers that sustain long-term family well-being.
- Health and Family Well-Being – Health is foundational to 2Gen success. Participants will examine real-world approaches to integrating physical and behavioral health supports into 2Gen initiatives, with a focus on addressing family needs, reducing barriers to care, and improving outcomes across generations.
- Community Voice and Parent Leadership – Lasting systems change happens with families, not for them. This track centers strategies for authentically engaging parents and caregivers as leaders, advocates, and partners in designing, implementing, and approving 2Gen approaches.
- Public-Private Partnerships in Action – This track highlights examples of state agencies working alongside foundations, nonprofits, and community partners to leverage funding and collaborate to build more comprehensive solutions.
- Georgia Lightning Talks – Short, high-impact presentations highlighting innovative 2Gen efforts from across Georgia. These rapid-fire sessions showcase emerging ideas, promising practices, and community-driven solutions that are strengthening outcomes for children and families.

3:30 PM

Closing Plenary

Our closing conversation brings together a 2Gen Academy alum and a family project advisor to reflect on what they have learned through partnership, what works in practice, and how authentic family voice strengthens 2Gen systems.