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## Snapshot of Georgia's Young Children: ages 0–5

*There are 874,228 young children ages 0 – 5 in Georgia.<sup>1</sup>*

### Health

- 8 out of every 1,000 infants died before their first birthday<sup>2</sup>
- 63% of mothers receive prenatal care in the first trimester<sup>3</sup>
- 63% of young children have both medical and dental preventive care visits<sup>4</sup>
- 41% of young children do not have a medical home<sup>5</sup>
- 8% of young children do not have health insurance<sup>6</sup>
- 32% of young children live in a household where someone uses tobacco<sup>7</sup>
- 17% of young children have special health-care needs<sup>8</sup>

### Education

- 21,988 young children are enrolled in Head Start<sup>9</sup>
- 57% of eligible young children are in the Georgia pre-Kindergarten program (76,491 children)<sup>10</sup>
- 24% of young children are born to mothers with less than 12 years of education<sup>11</sup>
- 40% of young children ages 1 – 5 watch two to three hours of TV or videos on an average weekday<sup>12</sup>

### Safety

- 14,870 young children are abused or neglected<sup>13</sup>
- 220 young children ages 1 – 5 died<sup>14</sup>

### Family and Economic Security

- 23% of young children live in households with incomes below the federal poverty level<sup>15</sup>
- 216,428 young children live in single-parent households<sup>16</sup>
- 84,021 young children live with grandparents<sup>17</sup>

<sup>1,14</sup>Emory School of Public Health Analysis of OASIS data, 2007

<sup>2,11</sup>Ga. Dept. of Human Resources, OASIS, 2007

<sup>3</sup>Ga. Dept. of Human Resources, OASIS, 2006

<sup>4,5,6,7,8,12</sup>National Survey of Children's Health, 2007

<sup>9,10</sup>Bright from the Start, Ga. Dept. of Early Care and Learning, 2006-2007

<sup>13</sup>Emory School of Public Health Analysis of DFCS data, 2007

<sup>15,16,17</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007