



GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP
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CRITICAL ISSUES FORUM
Thursday, April 28, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Georgia-Pacific Auditorium, Atlanta

“The Wellness Impact on Education”

As schools move into prep mode for standardized testing this spring, many of us who interact with kids daily are focused on making sure they are prepared to do their best, and that encompasses much more than just ensuring they know their facts and figures. A recent Yale study validates the strong ties between students' health habits – coupling good nutrition with increased physical activity – and academic performance. The Georgia Partnership supports an even broader view of the crucial link between education and child well-being to include mental and behavioral health issues. With the Kids Count Data ranking Georgia 37th among states for child well-being, we should also consider these statistics from the recent report of Georgia's House Study Committee on Children's Mental Health:

- Nationally, one in five children birth to 18 has a diagnosable mental health problem.
- 75-80% of children in need of mental health services don't receive them.
- Of school-age children who receive mental health services, almost 80% receive them at school through school nurses, counselors, psychologists, and social workers.

Schools have become the focal point in the movement to improve child health and wellness, but they can't act alone. It is time to shed light on what systemic changes as well as family, community and school-wide strategies can promote and maintain all aspects of wellness for our students.

Join the Partnership for the April 28 Critical Issues Forum. The in-depth, powerful program will include **Commissioner Bobby Cagle**, Georgia Department of Human Resources; **Rep. Rick Jasperse**, member of the Health and Human Services Committee and of the referenced Study Committee; **Garry McGiboney**, Associate Superintendent Policy, External Affairs and Charter, Georgia Department of Education; **Emily Pelton**, Executive Director, Voices for Georgia's Children; and **Kim Anderson**, CEO, Families First. **Register today!**

AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Registration**
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **“The Wellness Impact on Education”**

Directions – Georgia-Pacific, 133 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta 30303

Traveling from the North, take I75/85 South. Take the John Wesley Dobbs exit (exit # 248D) and turn right onto John Wesley Dobbs Ave. Cross Piedmont Avenue and Courtland Street. Before reaching the intersection of Peachtree Center Avenue, turn right into the entrance to the parking garage. Park and then go to the 4th floor and cross the bridge into the Georgia-Pacific building.

Traveling from the South, take I75/85 North. Take the John Wesley Dobbs Ave. exit and turn left onto John Wesley Dobbs. Cross Piedmont Avenue and Courtland Street. Before reaching the intersection of Peachtree Center Avenue, turn right into the entrance to the parking garage. Park and then go to the 4th floor and cross the bridge into the Georgia-Pacific building.

From Marta travel to the Peachtree Center Station. Depart at the Ellis Street exit. Cross Peachtree Street to the Georgia-Pacific building.

REGISTRATION –Return by fax to 404-223-2299 or register online at
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/georgia-partnership-critical-issues-forum-tickets-19009513968> **by Tuesday, April 26.**

I WILL I WILL NOT attend the April 28 Critical Issues Forum.

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