



The Big Picture of Child Well-Being

Host Instructions

Thank you for hosting this conversation!

Here is an outline of what to expect and how to follow this host guide.

Overview

1. Welcome guests when they arrive
2. Introduce the topic by reading the Summary
3. Read What to Expect
4. Read the Ground Rules
5. Introductions (5–10 mins)
6. Question 1 (10–20 mins)
7. Question 2 (10–20 mins)
8. Question 3 (10–20 mins)
9. Wrap up & next steps

Total time needed:

1–1.5 hours

Timing varies based on the number of participants.

Break into small groups of 4–8 people if you have a large group.

Have any questions?

In our online knowledge base you'll find:

- Host FAQs
- Facilitation tips
- Online hosting tips
- In-person hosting tips

See these and more at:
about.inclusivv.co/host

Welcome

Let's talk about Georgia's children, and how we create a better future by ensuring they have what they need to thrive.

Summary

In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future." And it's true, the world we create depends on the children we raise. But it's not just a child's parents who make a difference. Each of us has a role in creating an environment where children can thrive, and where families have the things they need to nurture the next generation — like access to economic opportunity, quality education, health care and child care. This conversation explores how we can all contribute to preventing child abuse and neglect, while helping to secure a promising future for Georgia.

What to Expect

Together we'll explore three big questions that take us on a journey of shared learning. No one is expected to be an expert, but everyone is invited to participate by sharing their experience and ideas. With each round of questions, we'll all have the opportunity to share. My role as host is to help ensure everyone's voice is heard and that we end on time. Before we begin, let's review and agree on the ground rules.

Ground Rules

Our ground rules help create a brave space where we honor what is shared and learned in this conversation. By joining this conversation you agree to:

- Listen With Curiosity
- Engage With Empathy
- Appreciate Authenticity
- Respect Those With Lived Experience
- Enjoy Yourself!



Host Tips

Start With Introductions

“Let’s get started with the introduction question.”

Read the question and copy and paste it into the chat (if hosting online).

Feel free to go first and kick things off!

Moving to the Next Question

Once everyone who wants to has shared, transition to the next question:

“Now that we all know each other a little better, we’ll move on to Question 1.”

Read the question and copy and paste it into the chat starting from Question 1 through the bolded question.

Repeat this process until each question has been addressed.

Wrapping Up

After everyone has shared on the final question (or if you are out of time) read the text under “What’s Next” and add any other specifics you are aware of related to your group.

Ask to take a screenshot or a photo of the group to capture the moment and encourage people to share the impact of this conversation with friends, peers and colleagues.

Introductions (1-2 minutes per person)

Share your name, where you live, and if you could wave a magic wand, what’s one thing you would wish for all children in your community?

Question 1: (2–3 minutes per person)

The societal factors that determine family and child well-being include affordable, high-quality child care, physical and mental health resources, financial opportunities and support for family resilience. These factors and more are all addressed in detail in Georgia’s Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Plan.

When you were growing up, what were some things that supported you and your family’s well-being? And what were some things that challenged your well-being?

Question 2: (3–4 minutes per person)

It’s tempting to think of child well-being in terms of “good” or “bad” parenting. But there’s much more to consider that’s beyond a parent’s control. No health care, lack of affordable housing, living in a community where violence is present, frequent discrimination, and few job opportunities — all these factors make children more vulnerable to abuse or neglect.¹

What are some stressors you’ve witnessed or experienced that can keep children from flourishing?

Question 3: (3–4 minutes per person)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has ranked Georgia 38th of all states for child and family well-being,² even as the state was named the #1 Top Business Climate.³ We need to do better. Imagine what can happen when we all commit to helping Georgia’s children and families thrive.

Thinking about the societal factors that make a difference to child and family well-being, where do you see the biggest opportunity right now? And how can you help?

What’s Next?

Thank you for sharing your stories, values and vision. Next, you will receive an email with next steps and an opportunity to share feedback. This conversation is just one of many in the Georgia Family and Child Well-Being Series. We encourage you to host or attend another topic and invite others as well.