

**A Joint Resolution To Designate
The Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and
Children
As The Community Partnership Organization For
Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has found that Georgia cannot afford the staggering human and financial costs associated with teen pregnancy, child abuse and neglect, juvenile crime, low birth weight babies, and poor school performance of children;

WHEREAS, pursuant to these findings, the General Assembly has enacted the Georgia Policy Council for Children and Families Act (O.C.G.A., Article 12 of Chapter 5 of Title 49);

WHEREAS, this Act created the Georgia Policy Council for Children and Families and assigned the Council responsibility for developing a comprehensive state plan to address the goals of improving child health, child development, family functioning, school performance, and family economic capacity;

WHEREAS, the Act encourages communities to become partners with the Policy Council in implementing the state plan;

WHEREAS, for local communities to become partners with the Policy Council, the Policy Council Act provides that local communities must designate a local organization in the community to work with the Policy Council and that such organization be known as the Community Partnership organization for the community;

WHEREAS, for an organization to become the Community Partnership organization for a community, it must first be designated as the Community Partnership organization by a joint resolution of the governing authority of the county and the governing authority of municipalities in the county and it must then be approved as the Community Partnership organization for the community by the Policy Council;

WHEREAS, the Policy Council Act provides that to be recognized by the Policy Council, the organization designated as the Community Partnership for a community must meet the membership requirements for Community Partnership organizations specified in the Policy Council Act, must have the legal powers listed in the Act, must adopt bylaws as specified in the Act, and must submit and be approved by the Policy Council a comprehensive plan for addressing the well-being issues facing children and their families in the community;

WHEREAS, the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children was formed in 1993 and in 1994 became a Family Connection site. SCCAFC is a community partnership of citizens of Spalding County who represent public agencies

serving families, elected officials, civic organizations, religious organizations, advocates for children and families and interested consumers;

WHEREAS, in partnership with the County Commissioners, City Commissioners, and other community and state associates, the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children will serve as the central planning, coordinating, and policy analysis body for children and families of Spalding County in order to:

- Minimize overlap, underservice, and/or duplication and waste in services to families and children
- Assist in assurance of delivery of high quality services to families and children in need
- Provide the County with an annual collaborative plan designed to improve outcomes for children and families of Spalding County
- Develop an array of preventive measures to divert children and families from harmful high-risk behaviors
- Provide a collective set of measures and mechanisms to better assure partners in Spalding County are accountable for results in making progress towards improved outcomes for children and families

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children has been officially commissioned by this body to perform the tasks herein and said partners participating in the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children shall be appointed for the following terms:

Serving By Virtue Of Office

- Superintendent of the Griffin/Spalding County School System
- Director of Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services
- Administrative Director of the Spalding County Health Department
- Regional Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice
- Director of the Council on Aging
- Director of McIntosh Trail MH/MR/SA or his/her designee
- Senior Juvenile Court Judge

Rotating members to serve two year appointments from the following areas:

- State Legislative Delegation
- Media
- County Law Enforcement
- County Commission
- Consumer of Family Services (2)
- City Law Enforcement
- City Commission
- Business/Civic Interests

- Medical Field
- Religious Community
- Social Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children organization, on behalf of the community, shall prepare a strategic plan for addressing the well-being issues confronting children and their families and the goals listed in the Policy Council Act, and through implementation of this plan shall join in a partnership with the Policy Council to achieve results that will free the community and state from the human and financial costs of teenage pregnancy, child abuse and neglect, juvenile crime, low birth weight babies, and poor school performance of children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children shall report at least annually to the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, the Mayors and Councils of the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill, and Experiment; and to the community on the performance of the plan, and on the condition of the children and their families in the community.

Approved and adopted by the joint Board of Commissioners of Spalding County/City of Griffin in a regular meeting on September 15, 1998 and September 22, 1998 respectively.

SPALDING COUNTY

Martha W. McDaniel

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Chairman

Attest:

By: *Richard M. Paggi*
County Clerk/Manager



CITY OF GRIFFIN

Rodney McCord

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Mayor

Attest:

By: *Richard Crowdis*
Secretary

