

## Georgia Appleseed Mission, Vision & Values

### MISSION:

To increase justice in Georgia through law and policy reform and community engagement.

### VISION:

Georgia Appleseed seeks a Georgia where the voices of poor people, children and other marginalized people are heard, and where injustices that no one should endure are resolved.

### VALUES WE BELIEVE IN:

- ➔ Balanced and objective research
- ➔ Data-driven, pragmatic solutions
- ➔ Collaboration to achieve justice
- ➔ Courage to tackle the hard issues
- ➔ The power of Pro Bono!

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# GEORGIA APPLESEED

*Center for Law & Justice*

*Justice at Our Core Since 2005*

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*Seeking justice through law  
and policy reform to find  
workable solutions that  
improve the lives of Georgians  
throughout the state*

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## Who We Are

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Founded in 2005, Georgia Appleseed was created to foster systemic change that increases justice throughout Georgia.

We are an independent affiliate in the national Appleseed network of nonprofit, nonpartisan public interest law centers. For more on national Appleseed go to [www.appleseednetwork.org](http://www.appleseednetwork.org).

Georgia Appleseed embraces a “local presence” strategy. Though much of our public policy work engages State-level leadership, we know that real change often happens at the local level. Georgia Appleseed seeks a “local presence” in key communities to help make that change happen. With offices in Atlanta and Columbus, we seek partnerships in additional communities that share our commitment to pragmatic, research-based and data-driven solutions that promote justice and genuine opportunities for all.

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## Donate

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Your financial contributions allow our small staff to marshal the pro bono talents of hundreds of volunteers. In this way, your financial support is leveraged many times over. Please donate today by going to [www.gaappleseed.org/donate](http://www.gaappleseed.org/donate).

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## What We Do

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To increase justice at a systemic level — through law and policy reform — Georgia Appleseed focuses in four areas:

- ➔ Access to Justice for Marginalized Groups
- ➔ Dismantling the School-to-Prison-Pipeline
- ➔ Protecting Property Rights
- ➔ Innovations in Social Justice

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### We Take Action Using a Three Phase Approach:

- 1 INVESTIGATE:** An issue is identified and researched with the help of pro bono lawyers and other professionals.
- 2 DISSEMINATE:** A publication and resources are created, containing pragmatic solutions to difficult social justice problems.
- 3 ADVOCATE:** Systemic change at both the state and local level is the goal of our data-based advocacy.

Georgia Appleseed makes change happen through legislative advocacy, community engagement and effective policy initiatives grounded in balanced and objective research and promoted through collaborative partnerships.

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## Our Successes

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Since 2005, Georgia Appleseed has made significant strides to improve quality of life for disadvantaged Georgians, both young and old. Read more about our initiatives at [www.gaappleseed.org](http://www.gaappleseed.org).

### **Long-term effort, long-term impact. Success!**

*After seven years, the JUSTGeorgia project contributed to the unanimous passage of Georgia’s new, improved Juvenile Code in 2013 that will keep more kids in school and out of court. This means more opportunity to get back on the right track for youth in our state and greater public safety for everyone.*

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## Get Involved!

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Georgia Appleseed provides the best opportunity to make a difference through “pro bono” — the donation of professional time — to solve some of Georgia’s most difficult social justice problems. Since 2005, Georgia Appleseed volunteers have donated their time valued at **more than \$5.5 million** by interviewing stakeholders throughout Georgia in support of a new juvenile code, by creating the user-friendly “Keeping Kids in Class Toolkit” — a database used to end “the school to prison pipeline,” and by researching the law to improve education stability for students in foster care, just to name a few examples. To get involved, contact us at [info@gaappleseed.org](mailto:info@gaappleseed.org).