

GEORGIA APPLESEED'S UNIQUE THREE-PRONGED APPROACH:

1 CONNECT DIRECTLY with Georgia's children and their families.

2 GROW COMMUNITIES of advocates, building coalitions, and equipping them with training and tools.

3 EFFECT SYSTEMIC REFORM by identifying tough policy problems and advocating for solutions.

Each year, Georgia Appleseed keeps tens of thousands of kids in school, in stable, healthy housing, and out of the criminal justice system.

These children get the chance that every child deserves – a chance to become creative and productive community members, leaders, and part of the workforce Georgia needs.



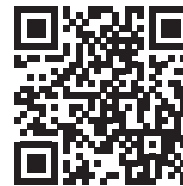
We advance justice for all Georgia's children. We focus our efforts on supporting Black and Brown and LGBTQ+ children, and those living in poverty, in foster care, and with disabilities.

Our team includes lawyers, policy experts, and nonprofit professionals dedicated to reforming policy and systems to improve children's lives.

Pro bono lawyers, state and local policymakers, and volunteer advocates statewide **contribute thousands of hours towards our mission.**

Help us provide justice for all of Georgia's children.

Learn more about our work and **volunteer** to help our mission at **gaappleseed.org**. **Or scan the code to donate.**



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JUSTICE

FOR ALL OF GEORGIA'S CHILDREN



**GEORGIA™
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Center for Law & Justice

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in stable, healthy housing and
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**SCHOOL
JUSTICE**

**HOUSING
JUSTICE**

Georgia Appleseed is a nonprofit law center advancing justice and equity for children through legal advocacy and policy change.

WE PROTECT GEORGIA'S MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Our **School Justice initiative** keeps children in school by providing them essential supports to succeed and graduate.

Across Georgia, **we work with schools to establish positive learning environments**, fair and effective approaches to discipline, and school-based behavioral and mental health programs that **give children the help they need** where they are and when they need it.

Some of Georgia's children who need the most help are those in foster care. We provide direct legal supports that **prevent 122 days of out-of-school suspension**

per child in foster care on average — salvaging tens of thousands of days of learning for these kids.

Over the last 13 years, **Georgia Appleseed has protected upwards of 375,000 kids** from being kicked out of school and put into the juvenile justice system. We're also breaking intergenerational cycles of incarceration and poverty, impacting communities across the state for decades to come.

- **118,000 Georgia students were suspended or expelled in 2022.**
- **An 11-day suspension could reduce a child's chance of graduating to just 52%.**



WE HELP GEORGIANS STAY IN THEIR HOMES

Our **Housing Justice initiative** improves living conditions by working to reform Georgia's outdated laws — some of the weakest in the nation — that lead to abusive eviction practices and dangerous housing.

Georgia Appleseed wrote and led the charge for Georgia's **anti-retaliation law**, which makes it illegal for landlords to evict tenants for requesting repairs to make their homes safe.

We mobilize communities to drive positive change. Our Georgia Healthy Housing Coalition and its 80+ members developed Georgia's first and only 10-year Strategic Advocacy plan to guide legislators, agencies, nonprofits, and other advocates in their work to improve living conditions for renting families across Georgia.

- **Georgia's rate of eviction is the 6th highest in the U.S.**
- **In 2022, there were more than 272 persistently dangerous housing complexes in the Atlanta area alone.**