

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.

Our work centers on children facing barriers to opportunity – Black and Brown children, LGBTQ+ youth, and those with disabilities, in foster care, and facing poverty – ensuring they have the support and opportunities they deserve.

Our team of lawyers, policy experts, and nonprofit professionals drive meaningful change by reforming laws and systems that impact children's lives. With the dedication of pro bono attorneys, policymakers, and advocates across the state, we mobilize thousands of hours toward building a brighter, more just future.

Help us provide opportunity 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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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.

Our work disrupts the school-to-prison pipeline that often traps those already vulnerable — children with disabilities and mental health challenges, and those who have experienced trauma. We provide **direct legal supports** and one-on-one guidance that

prevent 122 days of out-of-school suspension per child on average — salvaging tens of thousands of days of learning for these kids.

Over the last 14 years, **Georgia Appleseed has protected upwards of 390,000 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.

- **130,000 Georgia students were suspended or expelled in 2023.**
- **An 11-day suspension could reduce a child's chance of graduating to just 52%.**



WE HELP GEORGIANS STAY IN HEALTHY 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 led the charge on **historic legal reforms** that require rental housing to be fit for human habitation, and make it illegal for landlords to evict tenants in retaliation for requesting needed repairs.

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.**