



2025-2026 Report

Improving Housing Stability & Living Conditions for Georgia Families

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ABOUT THE COALITION

Founded by Georgia Appleseed in 2018, the Georgia Healthy Housing Coalition (GHHC) is Georgia's only statewide housing coalition dedicated to improving housing instability and living conditions for Georgia families.

FROM COMMUNITIES TO THE CAPITOL:

HEALTHY HOMES FOR GEORGIA FAMILIES

GHHC works to ensure that every Georgia family has access to healthy and stable housing. The coalition gathers across the state to learn from communities, use what it learns to bring needed housing reform, and share resources with communities on new laws, policies and practices that can improve families' lives.

2025-2026 MILESTONES

FIRST GEORGIA HEALTHY HOUSING DAY AT THE CAPITOL

During the 2026 legislative session, GHHC brought members from across Georgia to the State Capitol for the first Georgia Healthy Housing Day. Families and young people helped shine a light on housing instability among Georgia's children, youth, and families.

PUTTING THE SAFE AT HOME ACT TO WORK

The Safe at Home Act requires rental homes to be "fit for human habitation" but does not define what that means. GHHC highlighted Mableton's work to set clear standards and enforce the new law—and shared how other Georgia communities could do the same.

IMPROVING HOUSING STABILITY FOR YOUTH LEAVING FOSTER CARE

Aging out of foster care leads to homelessness for too many young people. GHHC members made real progress with state agencies and lawmakers to improve implementation of federal housing vouchers and bring more young people transitioning out of care a chance at safe and stable housing.

LEGISLATIVE WINS FOR GEORGIA FAMILIES

GHHC members helped advance important housing gains during the 2026 legislative session. Members' advocacy, research, data, and expertise contributed to:

- Allocation of new state funding to address homelessness.
- Defeat of an extended-stay hotel bill that would have put vulnerable families at greater risk of homelessness.
- Passage of Georgia's first eviction-record sealing reform.



2025-2026 Panelists & Speakers

Beth Stephens
Enterprise Community Partners

Natalie Bouyett
Macon-Bibb County
Affordable Housing Fund

Mike Austin
Macon Housing Authority

Lawson Haynes
DLA Piper

Chief Judge Keisha Wright Hill
Clayton County Magistrate Court

Joy Monroe
SPARC

LaChandra Stodghill
Henry County Schools

Shawn Stafford
Stafford Builders & Consultants

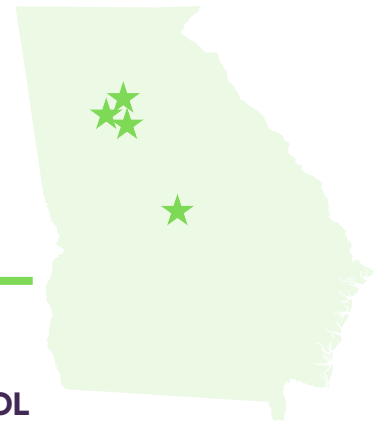
Ivy Hall
Macon Area Habitat for Humanity

Mayor Michael Owens
City of Mableton

MEETINGS & INSIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

STATEWIDE REACH:

Hundreds join GHHC meetings and events each year. After each convening, we share materials with 125+ partners across Georgia.



ATLANTA | JANUARY 2026

BRING FAMILY VOICES TO THE CAPITOL

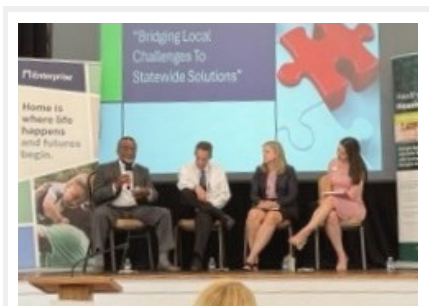
At the first Georgia Healthy Housing Day, GHHC members from across the state brought family and youth voices to the Capitol, highlighted housing instability among Georgia's children and families, and offered practical solutions to lawmakers from both sides of the aisle.



HENRY COUNTY / SOUTH METRO | MAY 2026

STABLE HOMES, STRONG SCHOOLS

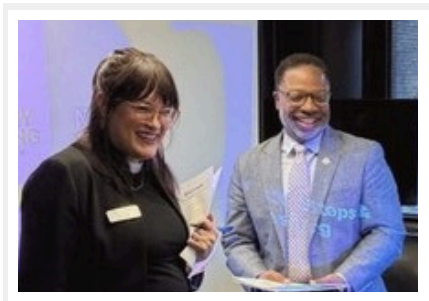
GHHC joined with the Georgia Education Climate Coalition (GECC), bringing schools, courts, housing groups, and community partners together to explore how housing affects education and child well-being—and how different sectors can work together to better support families.



MACON | JULY 2025

LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS AS AN ESSENTIAL TOOL

Local leaders shared how Macon-Bibb created a local affordable housing trust fund to help families access affordable housing and advised other Georgia communities on how they could launch their own housing trust funds to help families in their area.



MABLETON | NOVEMBER 2025

LEARN FROM LOCAL INNOVATION

Mayor Michael Owens shared how Mableton set clear standards for safe rental housing and is using local code enforcement to put Georgia's new warranty of habitability into practice.



Participating Members & Supporters

- 90Works
- AARP
- ACCG
- ARCS Reentry Task Force
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Augusta GA Land Bank Authority
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation
- BLKHLTH
- Bridge Builder Communities
- Cadence Bank
- CASA in Action
- Children's Advocacy Center of Lowndes County
- City of Atlanta
- Clayton County HUD
- Clayton County Magistrate Court
- Clayton County Police Dept.
- Clayton County Public Schools
- Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.
- Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta
- Connecting the Gap
- Empire Board of Realtists
- Enterprise Community Partners
- Family Promise of the Coastal Empire
- Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc. (Georgia ACT)
- Georgia Budget & Policy Institute
- Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- Georgia Department of Public Health
- Georgia Equality
- Georgia Health Initiative
- Georgia Legal Services Program
- Greater Valdosta United Way
- Georgia Watch
- Georgians for a Healthy Future
- The Haven
- Hearts to Nourish Hope
- Home Diagnostic Solutions of Savannah
- Hospice Savannah, Inc.
- HouseATL
- Housing Plus
- Housing Savannah, Inc.
- Junior League of Atlanta
- LAMP (Lowndes Associated Ministries to People)
- LCCY Family Connection
- Los Vecinos de Buford Highway
- NeighborWorks Columbus
- New Georgia Project
- The Sapelo Foundation
- Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
- South Georgia Partnership to End Homelessness
- SOWEGA Rising
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia
- Transport Studio, LLC
- University of Georgia
- Valdosta Street Feed
- Welcome Co-Op

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