

WE HELP GEORGIANS STAY IN THEIR HOMES

Safe, stable homes are the foundation for children's physical and mental health and well-being. They keep families together and build vibrant, successful communities.

For hundreds of thousands of Georgia families, a safe, stable home seems out of reach.

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

Our **Housing Justice** Initiative improves living conditions for children and their families living in unsafe homes and unstable housing. In Georgia, these situations are far too common:

- In 2022, there were more than 272 persistently dangerous housing complexes in the Atlanta area alone, as reported in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*.
- Georgia's rate of eviction is the 6th highest in the U.S.
- Unscrupulous investor landlords – many of whom are out of state and immune to any kind of accountability – are buying property at increasing rates and are disproportionately responsible for evictions, representing 76% in metro Atlanta in 2021.

Why? Because Georgia's housing laws are outdated, amounting to some of the nation's weakest renter protections. Our laws don't account for high rental costs and the lack of accountability for modern slumlords.

By embracing pragmatic legal reforms, Georgia can create economic growth and vibrant, stable communities for all of us, and that's the goal of our Housing Justice work.



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HEALTHY HOMES MAKE FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



Georgia Appleseed advocates for legislative action to protect low-income tenants and builds coalitions to make communities better through better housing.

In Clayton County, our **social innovation lab** is a model that communities across Georgia can apply to a wide range of social problems. We bring together county government and local leaders to develop equity-driven policy solutions keeping families in stable, healthy housing – more than **3,000 families** to date.

Georgia Appleseed convenes the **Georgia Healthy Housing Coalition (GHHC)**, a diverse collective of 80+ organizations committed to making homes more habitable, and families more stable. Through GHHC, we developed a healthy housing advocacy plan – the first of its kind – to provide a results-

driven roadmap for legislators, agencies, nonprofits, and other advocates working to improve living conditions across the state.

GHHC also led the charge on a **historic bill-turned-law** making it illegal for landlords to evict tenants in retaliation for requesting needed repairs. And that's just the beginning of our legislative work to make sure that every Georgia child is safe at home.

**INVEST IN STABLE AND HEALTHY HOUSING
FOR ALL OF GEORGIA'S FAMILIES.
INVEST IN GEORGIA'S FUTURE.**

For nearly two decades, Georgia Appleseed's supporters have received exceptional returns on their investment in us because we create and implement scalable change. More information is at GeorgiaAppleseed.org.

