

# 2020 State of Hope Application Now Open!

Greetings Hope Givers,

We are excited to announce that the third application round deadline for the State of Hope has been extended to May 1.

The State of Hope (SoH) is a movement throughout Georgia to create communities where children are safe, thriving, and full of hope. Our mission is to cultivate family-centered support systems by connecting, equipping, and nurturing diverse community collaborators.

State of Hope seeks to activate communities including nonprofits, philanthropies, government, businesses and other community members to collaborate closely to build local safety nets that will prevent conditions that contribute to disparities in education, threaten a family’s self-sufficiency and could lead to child abuse and neglect.

This initiative supports grass-roots innovative efforts that focus on one or more of four opportunities for hope: **Education, being/becoming Trauma-Informed, Quality Caregiving and Economic Self-Sufficiency**. These are the priority areas that we believe will have the greatest impact on keeping children safe, strengthening families and empowering communities. The goal is to eventually have active State of Hope sites and members in each of Georgia’s 14 regions.

### WHAT’S NEW!

New this year, previously funded sites can apply for additional funding to continue their great work! Also new this year, member sites in the HOPE Ecosystem who were not funded may reapply for SoH funding.

We appreciate your support and encourage you to consider applying if you want to be a part of caring for the children and families in your community. The deadline for applications has been extended for this round are now due on May 1. [For more information](#), questions or to be added to the State of Hope mailing list, please email [StateofHope@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:StateofHope@dhs.ga.gov).

In Hope,

Tom Rawlings  
Division Director

## Application Process

DEADLINE  
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TO  
**May 1**

| HIGH-LEVEL APPLICATION SELECTION PROCESS |  |
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| <b>LAUNCH DAY</b>                        | State of Hope Tool Kit ("Hope Kit") distribution launches the application process            |
| <b>APPLICATION PERIOD</b>                | Innovators submit their stories (application) via email                                      |
| <b>INITIAL REVIEW</b>                    | Community Review Teams are assembled & engaged to select and prioritize local ideas/projects |
| <b>FINAL REVIEW/ SELECTION</b>           | State level team will make final selections  |
| <b>ANNOUNCEMENT</b>                      | Selection announcements and communication to all applicants                                  |
| <b>GRANTEES MEETING</b>                  | Meet with selected State of Hope sites to move projects forward                              |



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 SAFE CHILDREN. STRENGTHENED FAMILIES. STRONGER GEORGIA.