

## **Course Curriculum Agenda**

*(NOTE: The following course outline is based on previous offerings and is only intended to provide a general overview of the topics which are covered. The actual agenda used for the next offering of this course is subject to some variation.)*

### **Course Title:**

Strengthening Your Community by Strengthening your Children and Families

### **Course Length:**

6 hours

### **Course Description:**

This course examines how the well-being of children and families affects the success of community and economic development. The course reviews trends in Georgia and identifies specific strategies that officials can implement in their own communities. “Family Connection” and other state and local run programs aimed at reducing the number of at-risk youth and juvenile delinquents are addressed. Problem issues such as teen pregnancies, truancy, and teen drug and alcohol use are also discussed.

### **Objectives:**

This workshop focuses on key local government functions that impact families and children. It provides city officials with the opportunity to learn about and develop ideas regarding:

- The interdependence of community development, economic development and human development,
- The role of leadership in bringing about more effective approaches to strengthen families and children,
- Current public trends that offer opportunities for local innovation in human services and youth development, and
- Implications for local leadership in galvanizing resources and strengthening community teamwork.

**AGENDA / Outline:**

- 8:30 am**      **Introductions and Agenda Review**
- 8:40 am**      **The Interplay of Community, Economic and Human Development and the Municipal Approach to Develop all Three Areas: Presentation and Dialogue on What Works**
- 10:00 am**      **Break**
- 10:15 am**      **The Voices of Youth: the Savannah/Chatham Experience**
- 11:30 am**      **Lunch**
- 12:30 pm**      **The Georgia Experience: Community Collaboration for Children and Families**
- Georgia's Family Connection--A National Model of Success**
- 1:45 pm**      **Break**
- Community Innovations: Lessons from the Archway Experience**
- 3:15 p.m.**      **Wrap up**
- 3:30 p.m.**      **Adjourn**