



2026

# Connecting the Dots Policy Luncheon

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Rewired! Helping Young Minds  
Thrive in a Digital World

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featuring keynote speaker Dr. Mitch Prinstein  
and honoring former Governor Nathan Deal  
with the Big Voice for Children Award

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Ansley Golf Club  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30309

# A Message of Vision and Partnership

At Voices for Georgia's Children, we are committed to ensuring that every child in Georgia grows up safe, supported, and able to thrive. As childhood continues to evolve in a fast-changing world, now is the time for thoughtful conversations that bring people together around solutions that uplift kids and strengthen our communities.

The *Connecting the Dots Policy Luncheon* brings together those who want to play a role in improving child wellbeing in Georgia. Together we are creating space for meaningful dialogue, elevating research and lived experience, and inspiring action that benefits children and families statewide.

The Voices team brings deep expertise, proven experience, and an unwavering commitment to improving outcomes for Georgia's children through research, policy, and advocacy. We are strongest alongside partners who share our commitment to children and our belief in lasting solutions. Your support of this Luncheon honors the leadership that helped shape Georgia's progress while investing in the work ahead—ensuring today's dialogue leads to real, measurable impact for children and families across our state.

With appreciation,  
Judy Fitzgerald  
Executive Director, Voices for Georgia's Children

# About the Connecting the Dots Policy Luncheon

The *Connecting the Dots Policy Luncheon* is a new event from Voices for Georgia's Children, bringing together those who share a commitment to building a brighter future for Georgia's children. This event celebrates progress, sparks new ideas, and strengthens the relationships that make our work possible.

## About Rewired!

Every day, technology shapes how young people connect, learn, and grow. With screens in every pocket and algorithms influencing everything from friendships to focus, Georgia's youth are navigating a rapidly shifting digital landscape.

At our inaugural "Connecting the Dots Policy Luncheon," we will explore:

- The intersection of technology and youth mental health
- Research-based strategies to support safe and healthy digital development
- Policy pathways that protect and empower kids growing up online

Your support elevates youth voices, fuels statewide policy solutions, and builds a healthier digital future for Georgia's children and youth.

### MITCH PRINSTEIN, PH.D. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mitch Prinstein, Ph.D., ABPP is the John Van Seters Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Senior Science Advisor at the American Psychological Association.

A board-certified clinical psychologist, Dr. Prinstein has more than 25 years of NIH-funded research focused on adolescent mental health, peer relationships, and depression and self-injury. He has authored over 250 scientific publications and 12 books, served in senior leadership roles at APA, and is a frequent national media expert and U.S. Senate witness on psychological science.

[Read Dr. Prinstein's complete biography here](#)



# HONORING FORMER GOV. NATHAN DEAL

Nathan Deal served as the 82nd Governor of Georgia, taking office on January 10, 2011 and beginning his second term on January 12, 2015. His decades-long career in public service reflects a deep commitment to strengthening Georgia's education system, justice system, workforce, and child-serving agencies.



Throughout his governorship, Deal championed policies to improve outcomes for Georgia's children. Under his leadership, the state fully funded its Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula for the first time in years and strengthened the HOPE scholarship to ensure long-term stability. He also led sweeping criminal and juvenile justice reforms, creating accountability courts, expanding reentry services, and establishing education and workforce development programs for incarcerated youth.

Recognizing the growing mental health needs of children and families, Governor Deal established the Georgia Commission on Children's Mental Health—bringing together experts, advocates, and state leaders to examine gaps in services and chart a path forward. The Commission's work laid the foundation for lasting, systemic change, including the creation of Apex, which continues to advance coordinated, child-centered behavioral health solutions across Georgia. Deal further advanced child welfare by initiating key reforms within the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), including efforts to hire more caseworkers and strengthen child protection.

Deal's commitment to children and literacy has continued beyond his time in office. In honor of his late wife, former educator Sandra Deal, he authored [Veto, The Governor's Cat](#), a children's book designed to spark a love of reading. A portion of the proceeds supports literacy and educational initiatives through The Deal Foundation, continuing the couple's shared legacy of lifting up Georgia's children.

With a career defined by thoughtful leadership and a steadfast commitment to Georgia's children, former Governor Nathan Deal exemplifies the spirit of the Big Voice for Children Award.



# Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

## FUTURE-READY CHAMPION | \$25,000

Our **Future-Ready Presenting Sponsor** will receive **premier, continuous recognition throughout 2026** across Voices' platforms. Your partnership positions you as a leading champion for Georgia's children.

For full details of the benefits garnered by this sponsorship level, reach out to Judy Fitzgerald at [jfitzgerald@georgiavoices.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@georgiavoices.org).

## CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN | \$10,000

As our **Champion for Children Sponsor**, you will receive **high-visibility recognition and engagement opportunities throughout 2026**, aligned with Voices' digital well-being and youth mental health initiatives.

### 2026 Year-Round Benefits

#### **Prominent Sponsor Designation**

- Recognized across Voices' 2026 programming tied to digital well-being and youth mental health
- Logo included on promotional materials, website landing pages, and event-related signage throughout the year

#### **Priority Visibility & Acknowledgement**

- Verbal recognition at applicable 2026 public events and convenings
- Reserved preferred seating for 8 at the policy summit and other Voices' events throughout the year
- Sponsor ribbon recognition at all events you attend

#### **Ongoing Digital Recognition**

- Social media recognition series (4-post sequence) at key points in 2026
- Logo recognition in select email communications about child well-being and digital safety initiatives
- Inclusion as a supporting partner in the 2026 Annual Impact Report

#### **Exclusive Connecting the Dots Policy Luncheon Benefits**

- Half-page inside front cover advertisement in event program
- Recognition on event website
- Video recognition in event welcome
- Logo in post-event video recap

## DIGITAL DEFENDER | \$5,000

As a **Digital Defender**, you will receive **high-visibility event recognition**.

- Featured logo on event website, program, and digital screens
- Verbal recognition during the policy summit
- Half-page program advertisement
- Social media recognition
- Includes **6 tickets** to policy summit
- Recognition in post-event communication

## MINDFUL MESSENGER | \$2,500

As a **Mindful Messenger sponsor**, you will receive **premier event recognition**.

- Logo included in printed and digital materials
- Quarter-page ad in event program
- Includes **4 tickets** to policy summit
- Recognition on event signage, social media, and post-event communication

## Individual Ticket Options

### TABLE HOST | \$1,500

As a **Table Host**:

- A table of 10 to the policy summit
- Recognition in the event program and on table signage

### INDIVIDUAL TICKET | \$150

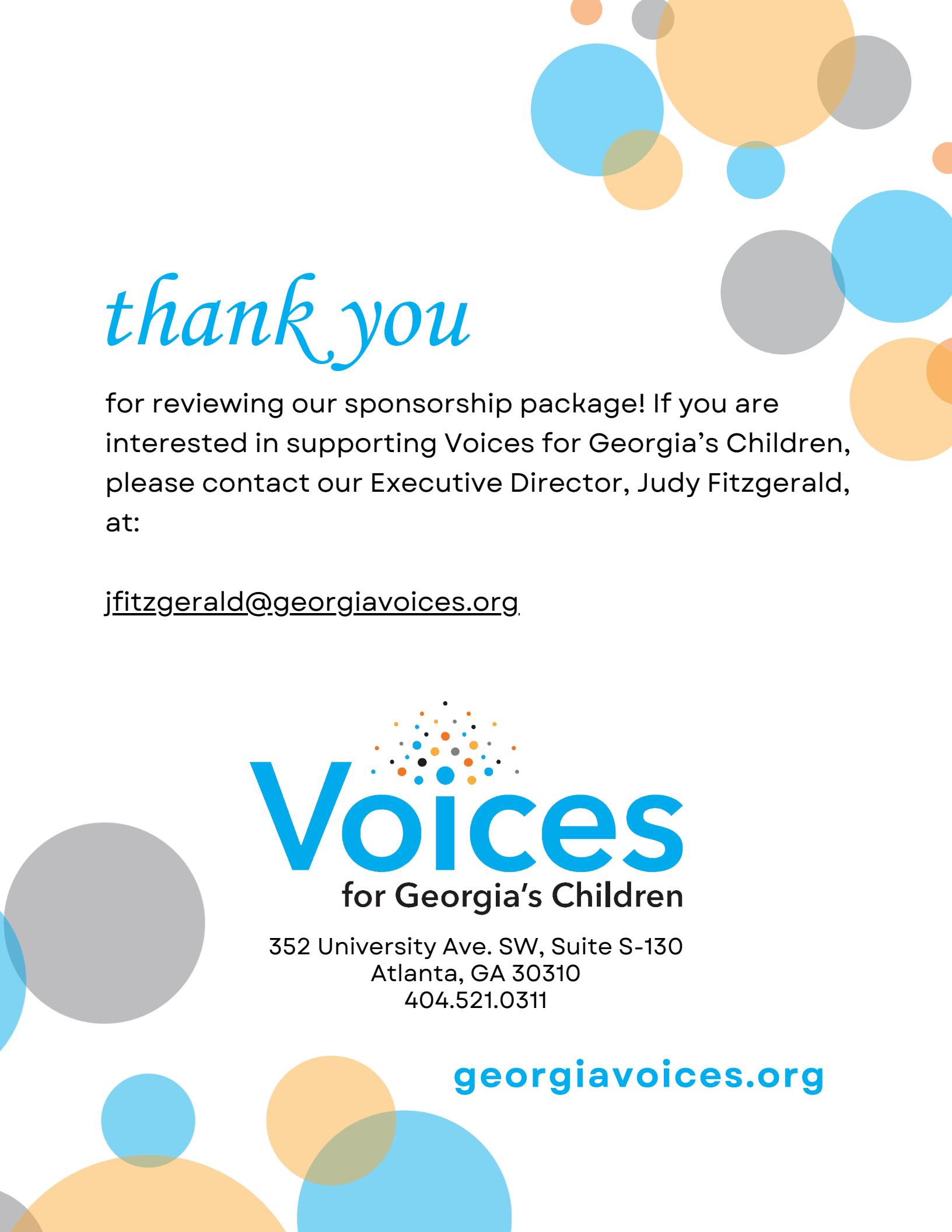
To purchase sponsorships, tables, or tickets, visit:

<https://www.georgiavoices.org/connecting-the-dots-policy-luncheon>  
and click on “Secure Your Ticket Today”.

## About **Voices for Georgia's Children**

Voices for Georgia's Children believes every child can thrive when given the opportunity. Through research and analysis, public education, and convening and engaging with decision-makers, we advance laws, policies, and actions that improve the lives of children – particularly those furthest from opportunity. Our work is framed in a holistic “whole child” perspective that allows us to identify how different policies impact children and propose solutions that benefit children on multiple levels.

For more information, visit [georgiavoices.org](http://georgiavoices.org).



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for reviewing our sponsorship package! If you are interested in supporting Voices for Georgia's Children, please contact our Executive Director, Judy Fitzgerald, at:

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# Exclusive Sponsorship Opportunity

## FUTURE-READY CHAMPION | \$25,000

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### 2026 Year-Round Benefits

#### **Exclusive Presenting Sponsor Designation**

- Recognized as the *Future-Ready Presenting Sponsor* across all 2026 digital well-being and youth mental health initiatives
- “Presented by [Organization Name]” included on all related promotional and event materials throughout the year

#### **Premier Brand Visibility**

- Top logo placement on:
  - Event programs and printed collateral for Voices' 2026 public events
  - Digital screens at major convenings
  - Website landing pages for digital wellbeing initiatives
- On-site signage at applicable 2026 events
- Year-round sponsor ribbon designation at all Voices events you attend

#### **Ongoing Recognition Campaign**

- Social media spotlight series (6-post sequence) distributed at strategic points across 2026
- Highlighted as a sustaining partner in Voices' 2026 Annual Impact Report

#### **Engagement & Access**

- Reserved VIP seating for 10 at applicable 2026 convenings
- Invitation to a private policy briefing with Voices leadership

#### **Exclusive Connecting the Dots Policy Luncheon Benefits**

- Full-page inside front cover advertisement in event program
- Recognition on event website
- Video recognition in event welcome
- Logo in post-event video recap