



BCDI

Black Child Development Institute
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Our Mission

To improve and advance the quality of life for Black children and families in Georgia through education and advocacy

Our Vision

BCDI-Atlanta envisions a society that ensures a successful future for all Georgia's children

Our Focus

BCDI-Atlanta seeks to improve and advance the quality of life for Black children and their families through education and advocacy in these six NBCDI focus areas, accordingly



Family Engagement

Family Engagement: BCDI-Atlanta promotes family engagement as a long-term commitment shared between multiple stakeholders from many settings, by coordinating family empowerment outreach, programs, and activities that build partnerships and equips families with information and resources.

Child Welfare: BCDI-Atlanta promotes the improvement of the child welfare system by coordinating outreach, programs, and activities that focus on prevention and effective, supportive, culturally competent care of children in all settings.



Child Welfare



Early Care and Education

Early Care and Education: BCDI-Atlanta promotes the equitable distribution of quality across the birth to eight continuum and the connection between early childhood settings and elementary schools, by coordinating programs and training to increase the well-qualified, culturally and racially diverse workforce.

Health and Wellness: BCDI-Atlanta promotes culturally relevant healthy nutrition and preventive care practices among families, by coordinating outreach, programs and activities to engage, educate, and empower.



Health and Wellness



Literacy

Literacy: BCDI-Atlanta coordinates programs, activities, and training to ensure reading proficiency by the end of 3rd grade for all students, engaging students, families, and educators.

Public Policy: BCDI-Atlanta advances the quality of life for Black children, families, and communities by connecting programs, policy, and advocacy, through the engagement of members and the broader community in activities designed to address local and state civic matters affecting Black children and families in Georgia.



Public Policy

Membership

Student Member: \$25 (must provide a copy of a student ID and/or current transcript)

Regular Member: \$40 (includes membership in a local BCDI Affiliate, if applicable)

Visit bcdiatlanta.org/members to learn more

Our Programs



Developed by the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI), the **Read to Succeed** program is designed to promote early literacy and language development by supporting families with children between birth and eight years old to establish home libraries with culturally responsive and developmentally appropriate children's books and providing them with supplementary resources through our National Affiliate Network, including BCDI-Atlanta. With support from NBCDI, BCDI-Atlanta provides young children and their families with children's books designed to foster early literacy skills and establish at-home libraries.



The **Strength Within** program provides professional development and coaching to early care and education family engagement staff who work in programs serving low-income families with young children ages 0-5. The goal of Strength Within is to decrease the risk of mental health challenges for trauma-exposed children by providing evidenced-based and culturally responsive training for case workers, child care/school staff and others who interact with impacted families. The program will increase awareness of trauma informed practices, train and coach on how to mitigate its impact. BCDI- Atlanta focuses primarily on helping adults, who are responding to and supporting families impacted by traumatic stress.



Lifted Voices is designed to make space for and amplify the voices of everyone within an organization. Lifted Voices assists programs in understanding the importance of having varied perspectives to increase diverse ideas to solve the complex problems of evolving and increasingly diverse communities. This program teaches strategies to enhance stronger engagement and to develop a culture of belonging. Leaders are trained and coached on how to affect policy and how to communicate feelings into actions. Lifted Voices helps programs to examine their organizational climate and behaviors that may currently support implicit or unconscious bias. Program staff are guided on how to lead their agency to a process that encourages fairness and actively creates an environment encouraging the contributions of all.



Through BCDI-Atlanta's **Black Children Count** initiative, we support families, childcare programs, schools and communities by coordinating civic engagement efforts to ensure the needs of Black children and their families are met at both local and state levels.



The BCDI-Atlanta **Powerful Families** Program works to improve connections for low-income families in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County. The program focuses on creating opportunities for and addressing the needs of both children and their families together, to create improved family economic stability.

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