BOBBY CAGLE
Director, Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

Bobby Cagle serves as Director of the Georgia Division of Family & Children Services. Previously, he served as commissioner of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. Prior to DECAL, Bobby served as the director of legislative and external affairs for the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services. He also served as the family services director for Fuchs and was responsible for statewide policy and program development in the areas of child welfare, domestic violence, sexual assault and provider contracting. Bobby is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Child Care Administrators (NASCCAA) and the National Advisory Board of the Center for Improving Child Outcomes. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and a master’s degree in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

KELLY DOLAN
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RON HASKINS
Co-Director, Center on Children & Families, Budgeting for National Priorities & Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, The Cabot Family Chair

Ron Haskins is a Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution, where he co-directs both the Center on Children and Families and the Budgeting for National Priorities Project. He is also a Senior Consultant at the Annie E. Casey Foundation. He is the author of Work Over Welfare: The Inside Story of the 1996 Welfare Reform Law (2006), co-author of Creating an Opportunity Society (2010), and Senior Editor of The Future of Children. In 2002 he was the Senior Advisor to the President for Welfare Policy at the White House. Prior to joining Brookings and Casey he spent 14 years on the staff of the House Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee, serving as the subcommittee’s Staff Director after Republicans took control of the House in 1994. In 1995, Haskins was selected by the National Journal as one of the 100 most influential people in the federal government. He holds a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from UNC.

GAIL HAYES
Consultant & Former Atlanta Civic Site Director, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

With a 33-year track record of working to improve outcomes for vulnerable children, Gail Hayes served as the director of the Atlanta Civic Site from 2004 through 2013, providing leadership for the Foundation’s work in Atlanta and ensuring that the results sought by the local effort on behalf of families and children were achieved. Prior to joining the Casey Foundation, Hayes was president of Plain Talk Inc., a Georgia-based organization established in 1978 to provide strategic consultation to public and private health and human service agencies.

Hayes served as a senior consultant for eight years to Georgia’s nationally recognized Family Connection Partnership, working in the areas of strategic planning, governance and fundraising. She is the author of the report On Behalf Of Our Children: A Framework for Improving Results, which serves as the blueprint for Georgia’s reform efforts for children and families. She has extensive experience with strategy and policy development in the areas of children and families, developmental disabilities, behavioral health, public health and aging. Hayes is a graduate of the University of West Georgia and has a master’s degree in social work from the University of Maryland.

CHRISTOPHER T. KING
Senior Research Scientist & Director, Ray Marshall Center for the Study of Human Resources

Dr. Christopher King is director of the Ray Marshall Center and a lecturer at The University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. He is a labor economist with over four decades of experience researching and evaluating education, employment, training and policy programs and policies. He has written widely on education, workforce, and social policy, including: “Sectoral Workforce and Related Strategies . . . What We Know and What We Need to Know,” in Robert Githo and Maureen Conway, Eds., Connecting People to Work: Workforce Intermediaries and Sector Strategies (2014, American Assembly); Welfare and Work: Experiences in Six Cities (2005, Ugochi Institute Press, with Peter Marsey), The Workforce Investment Act in Eight States (2003, USDOL/EIA, with Bart Barrow), and Improving the Odds: Increasing the Effectiveness of Publicly Funded Training (2008, Urban Institute Press, with Bart Barrow). He is completing a book on two-generation strategies with Northwestern professor Lindsay Chaste-Lansdale and Harvard professor Mario Small. He directs the Central Texas Student Futures Project, the Two-Generation Strategy Initiative, and evaluations of workforce programs in several states. He is co-principal investigator (with Lindsay Chaste-Lansdale) of a rigorous multi-year evaluation of CareerAdvance®, a sectoral, career pathway strategy for low-skilled, low-income parents of children served by Tulsa’s early childhood education programs, working with a multi-disciplinary team from Northumbria, Columbia, New York University, and the University of Texas at Austin. In February 2012, he was selected as one of twenty leaders in the Aspen Institute’s inaugural class of Ascend Fellows. Dr. King was assistant professor of economics at the University of Utah (1973-1976), an economist with the U.S. Secretary of Labor (1976-1980), and director of Research, Demonstration and Evaluation at the Jobs for America’s Youth program in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training in the Department of Labor.

JOHN STEPHENSON
Executive Director, J. Bulow Campbell Foundation

John W. Stephenson is executive director of the Atlanta-based J. Bulow Campbell Foundation, a position he has held since 1983. Previously, Stephenson worked for Emory University as vice president for development. Atlanta businessman J. Bulow Campbell established the foundation in 1910 and it has since provided grants for education, youth development, cultural amenities, and Christian charities. Campbell was a devout Christian and an active member of the Presbyterian Church. He was committed to Christian education and was instrumental in bringing Columbia Theological Seminary to Atlanta from South Carolina.

Consistent with J. Bulow Campbell’s beliefs, the foundation is especially interested in projects related to the preservation and edification of the Christian faith. In education, this means the foundation has supported private, Christian-oriented schools. In a broader sense, however, Stephenson and the foundation prefer independently funded schools, which means charter schools and charter networks have found support from this funder.

PAT WILLIS
Executive Director, VOICES for Georgia’s Children

Pat Willis is the executive director of VOICES for Georgia’s Children, a statewide organization that provides research, communication, and advocacy for issues related to children and families. Through education, lobbying, and coalition-building, VOICES works to change public policy and investments that will ensure the safety, health, education and employability of Georgia’s children.

Ms. Willis became the first director of VOICES in August 2003 after achieving over 30 years of accomplishments in the corporate and public sectors and in volunteer service. During 20 years at BellSouth Corporation, she was the founding director and subsequent president of the BellSouth Foundation, an endowed trust devoted to improving education in the Southeast and Latin America. Ms. Willis spent the first seven years of her career in the Research and Evaluation Division of Atlanta Public Schools and also served as a political campaign consultant in Atlanta in the late 1970s.

Ms. Willis serves on the Georgia Children’s Cabinet, is an advisory board member of Great Start Georgia, and a member of the Leadership Team for Strengthening Families. She also serves on the boards of the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education and Georgia Family Connection Partnership. Nationally, she serves on the board of the Scholastic Center for Leadership in School Reform in Kentucky.

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