

**BECAUSE CHILDREN ARE PRICELESS**



Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking  
(DMST)

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- First on the list: I'm a Dad
  - 4 yr old daughter, 6 week old daughter
- Governor's Office for Children and Families
  - State Wide Task Force Leader: CSEC (commercial sexual exploitation of children)
- Brookhaven Christian Church
  - Outreach Ministry Chairperson
  - Street Grace initiatives since 2010
- StreetGRACE
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## WHAT IS STREET GRACE?

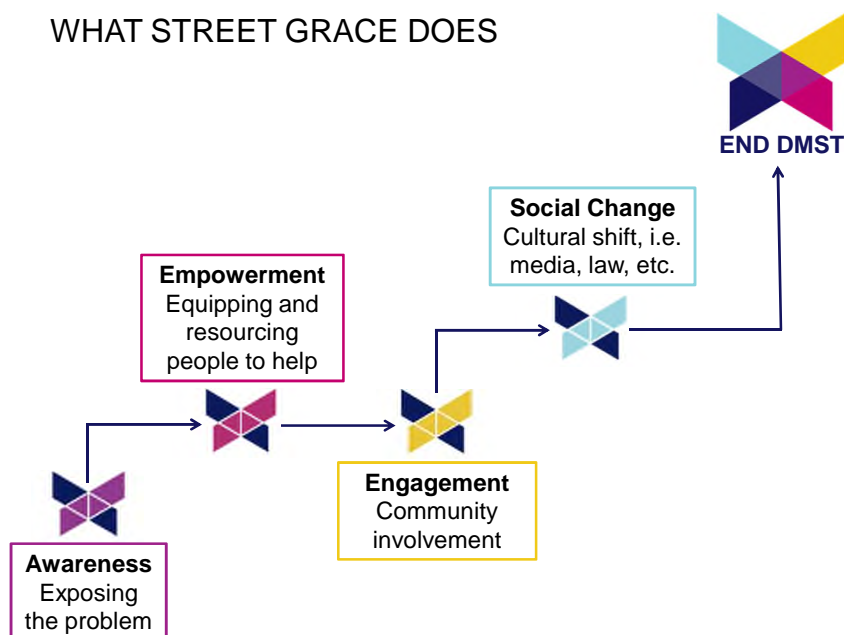
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Street Grace is a faith-based organization leading churches, community organizations and individual volunteers on a comprehensive path to end domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) in Metro Atlanta and throughout the United States.

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## WHAT STREET GRACE DOES



## WHAT IS DMST?

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### Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

Sexual activity in which there is a promise of the exchange of something of value to a child or another person(s) for sex with that child.

#### The Victim

A child who has received food, drugs, money, shelter or any other collateral in exchange for sexual activity (GOCF).

**In Georgia, a child is identified as a person under the age of 18.**



## WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE DMST INDUSTRY?

The Victims, Our Children

Known as The SUPPLY

Study A: Approximately *1.6 million* children run away from home each year.

Study B: At least *100,000 to 300,000* children are estimated to be at risk for DMST in the United States.

**Children are considered by perpetrators to be a “renewable resource.”**





What do you see?

Which children are at risk?



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## CASE STUDIES OF CHILDREN AT RISK



## Exploitation Methods...many of them

Feeding Vulnerable Children



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*How far would you go to be fed...*

Exploiters use a child's hunger to lure them into Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking.

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1 in 20

988,394

67%

children in Georgia do not know where they will get their next meal...

children in Georgia qualify for free and reduced lunch...

children in Georgia qualify for food stamps...

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Street Grace mobilizes volunteers and community organizations annually to feed thousands of our state's most vulnerable children.


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\* [www.homelesschildrenamerica.org](http://www.homelesschildrenamerica.org)  
\*\* [www.gadoe.org/external-affairs](http://www.gadoe.org/external-affairs)

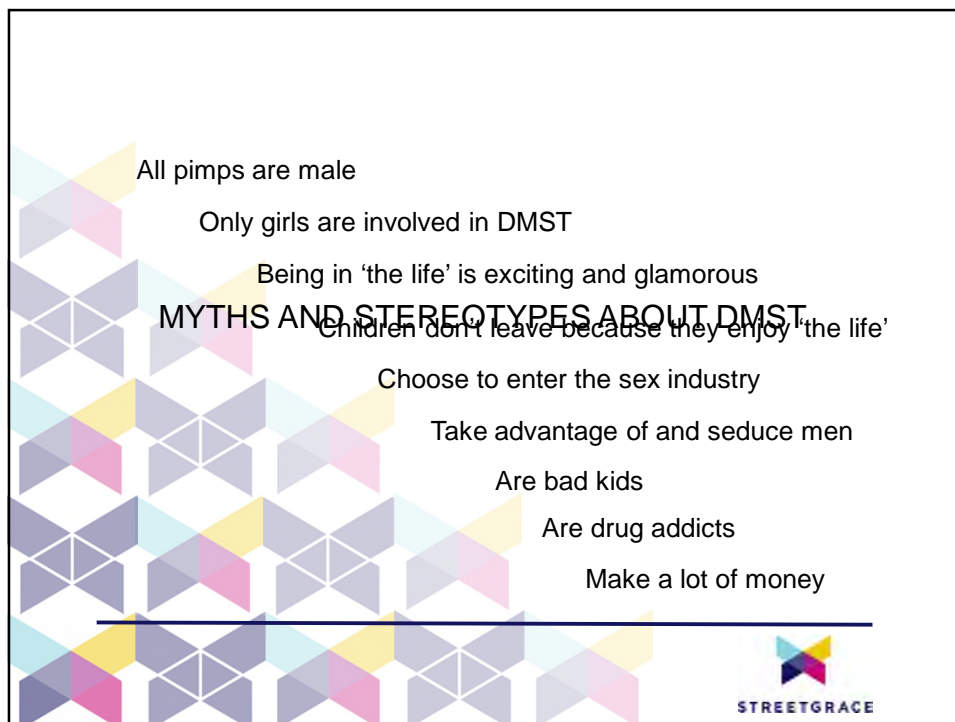
### POSSIBLE WARNING SIGNS

- Branding or tattooing by pimps on legs, neck, chest, hands or arms to maintain emotional and physical control
- Large amounts of money (*to be turned over to the pimp*)
- Poor personal hygiene
- Dresses inappropriately
- Dates significantly older boys/men
- Withdrawn and uncommunicative

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MYTHS AND STEREOTYPES ABOUT DMST

- All pimps are male
- Only girls are involved in DMST
- Being in 'the life' is exciting and glamorous
- Children don't leave because they enjoy 'the life'
- Choose to enter the sex industry
- Take advantage of and seduce men
- Are bad kids
- Are drug addicts
- Make a lot of money

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## SOCIAL CATEGORIZATION

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When you hear a report of a young person who has been sold for sex, perhaps arrested for it, how do you refer to that child and their activities? What terminology would you use?



## LANGUAGE AND SENSITIVITY

Teen Prostitute	Commercially Sexually Exploited Child
Conscious choice	Not developmentally able to make the "choice"
Bad kid	Young person who deserves intensive support and services
Profession/work	A form of child abuse
Used as an insult/derogatory term	Child sexually used, coerced, manipulated, and violently controlled for another's benefit



## Change The Language.....

- *AND YOU CHANGE THE LENS OF SOCIETY*
  - ❖ *This takes social change*
  - ❖ *This takes legislative change*
  - ❖ *This takes programs for restoration*



## WHO PROFITS FROM DMST?

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### Perpetrators Who Sell: “Pimps” or Exploiters

Men or women who involve children with buyers for sexual activity

*Note: Exploit – to use, take advantage of, manipulate, abuse*

WHAT THEY REALLY ARE:

**CRIMINALS**



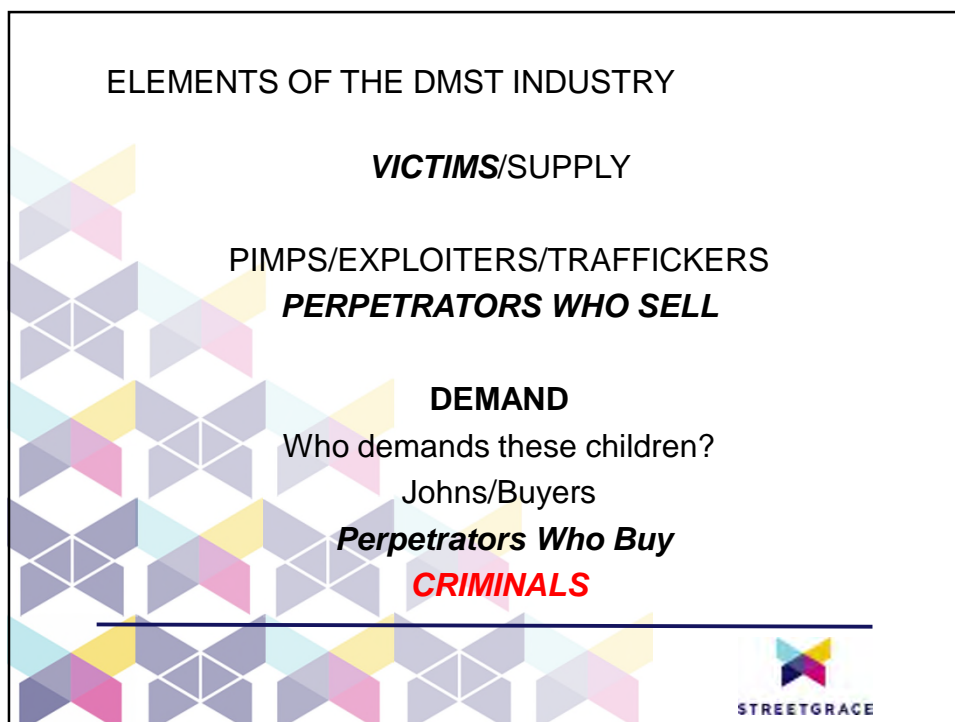
## PIMP TACTICS

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- Abduction by force, fraud or coercion
- Enforcing trivial demands
- Terrorizing threats
- Isolation
- Repeated rape and degradation
- Physical abuse
- Induced weakness and exhaustion
- Brain washing
- Murder
- Absolute power and supremacy assumed by perpetrator







WHO DEMANDS THESE CHILDREN?

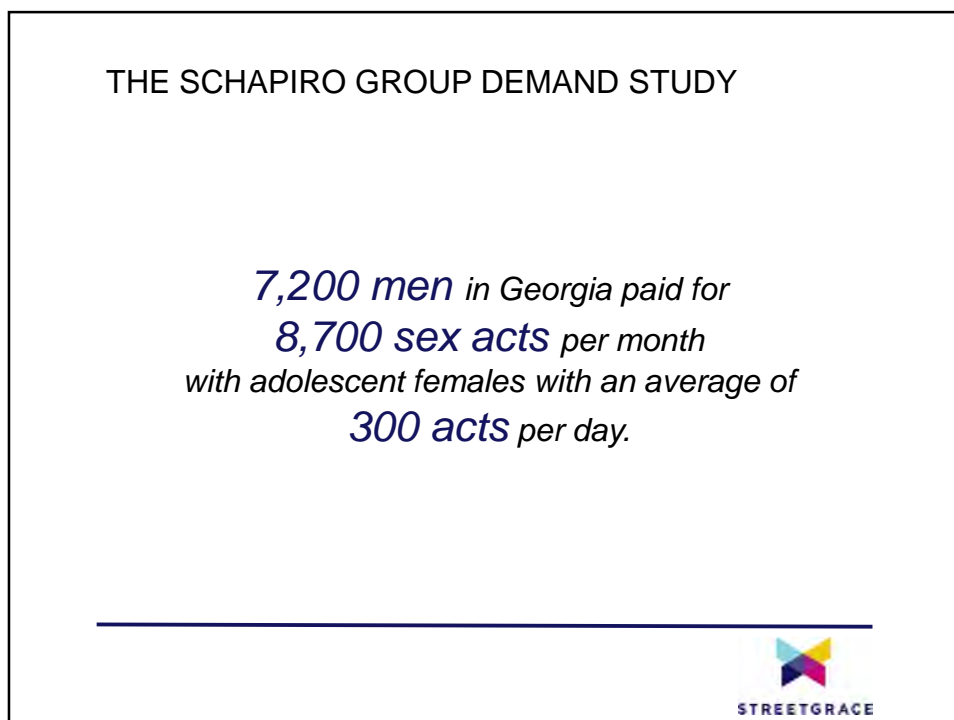
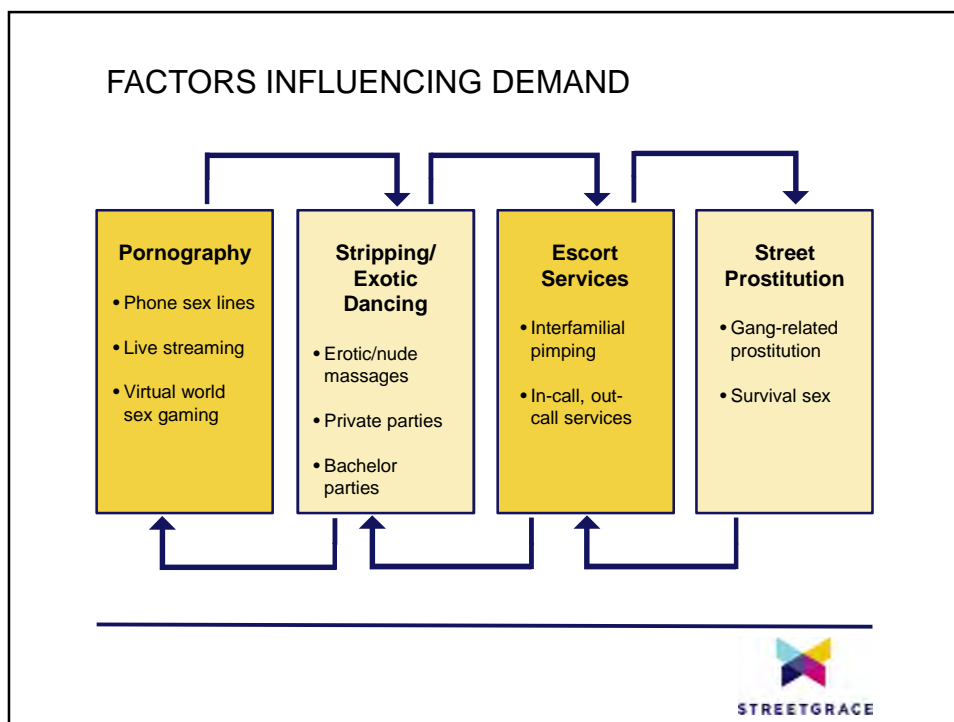
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There are factors that influence the demand for the purchase of children for DMST by

**BUYERS/JOHNS = PERPETRATORS WHO BUY**


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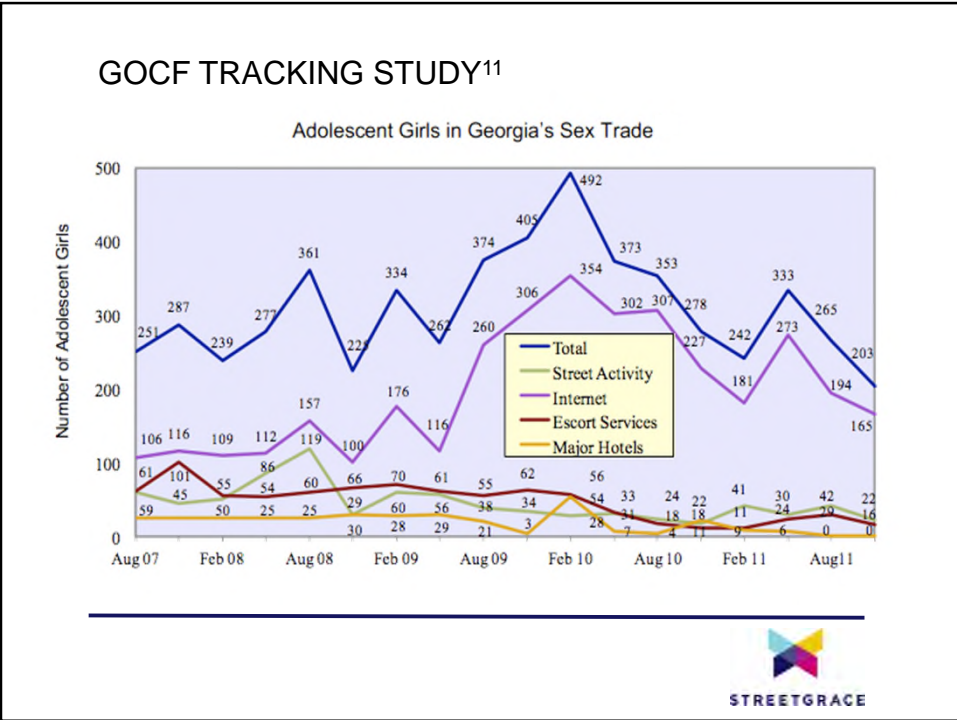
Where do you think the Perpetrators Who Buy might be found?



### DEMAND

42% North OTP <sup>8</sup>  
 26% Urban Core <sup>8</sup>  
 23% South OTP <sup>8</sup>  
 9% Airport <sup>8</sup>

- Men who respond to advertisements for sex with female children come from all over the Metro Atlanta area, not just the urban core.



### HOW DOES DMST AFFECT ME & MY COMMUNITY

- Decreases neighborhood safety, increasing danger for children
- Promotes negative images for children and exposes them to DMST locations
- Creates demand, supply, and recruitment of children
- Can result in lack of education, lower wages, and increased crime
- Links to other types of crime: guns, drugs, and organized crime – UPCOMING FBI REPORT**
- Contributes to long-term impact of adults involved in prostitution
- Increases costs for healthcare, social services, law enforcement, and courts

## HOW TO INFLUENCE YOUR COMMUNITY

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- Mentoring (being a friend)
- Tutoring (assisting with homework)
- Providing meals through local organizations
- Providing lunches through your local schools

Support the Street Grace Lobby Day at the State Capitol held once a year in February in Atlanta



## Champion For Safe Children - Neighborhoods

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- Governor's Office for Children and Families (GOCF)
  - ✓ Adopt a pledge
  - ✓ Support education, training and awareness
  - ✓ Continual communication
  - ✓ Post your "position":

### 1. Walk in Integrity...

By not supporting businesses and / or activities that perpetuate Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST).

### 2. Exhibit Courage...

By raising awareness and speaking out against Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST).

### 3. Leave a Legacy...

By fostering and maintaining an environment that protects children from exploitation and educates them about the dangers of Domestic Minor Sex trafficking (DMST).



## PROGRESS REPORT

- **HB 200: FREEDOM FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT – JULY 1, 2011**
- Expanded accountability for traffickers who target minors by significantly increasing penalties:
  - 16 – 18 years: felony punishable by 5-20 years in prison and a fine of \$2,500 to \$10,000.
  - Under 16 years old: felony punishable by 10-30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.
  - Seizure of any real or personal property bought for or by the trafficker with proceeds of the crime.
  - Training on how to relate to human trafficking victims required for law enforcement agencies.
  - Child involved in sexual servitude is considered a victim, not a criminal and offered recovery services under the state crime victims fund.

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## PROGRESS REPORT

- **HB 156: KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM ONLINE PREDATORS - JULY 1, 2013**
  - Clarifies certain acts done through computer or electronic pornography as unlawfully seducing, soliciting, luring or enticing a child through the use of online service, internet service or similar service.
- **HB 141: HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE NUMBER POSTING – JULY 1, 2013**
  - Requires certain businesses and establishments (including adult entertainment venues) to post a hotline number so that anyone being subjected to human trafficking may obtain help and services via the National Human Trafficking Hotline

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### GEORGIA'S NOT BUYING IT

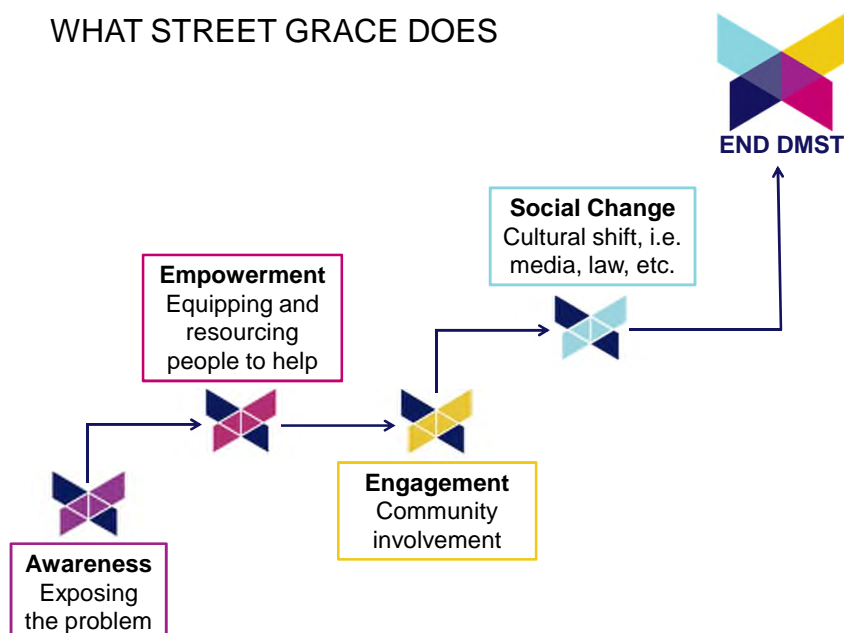
- Initiative of the Georgia State Attorney General's office, joining forces with law enforcement and non-profit advocates to take a stand against criminals who purchase sex from children. If you are buying, beware. Your secret is out. Georgia isn't buying the lie.
- Advertising campaign targeting the Buyers/Johns with a clear message from Ernie Johnson Jr. and several professional Atlanta athletes, serving notice that Georgia is not buying it.

<http://www.notbuyingit.org/>

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## RESOURCES

**888-3737-888 – National Human Trafficking Hotline**  
(Polaris Project)

**404-941-6024 – Georgia Hotline**  
(Out of Darkness)

**404-602-0068 – Georgia Care Connection Office**

As of July 1, 2012 if you come in contact with a minor in a professional or volunteer capacity, you could be a **mandated reporter** by Georgia law [OCGA 19-7-5(c)(1)].

If you suspect or have reason to believe child abuse or neglect is occurring, **please follow through by contacting DFCS or law enforcement within 24 hours of your observation.**



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- GA Governor's Office for Children and Families
- GEMS (Girls Educational and Mentoring Services) Training Manual

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