



Economic Opportunities for Promising Futures

Host Instructions

Thank you for hosting this conversation!

Here is an outline of what to expect and how to follow this host guide.

Overview

1. Welcome guests when they arrive
2. Introduce the topic by reading the Summary
3. Read What to Expect
4. Read the Ground Rules
5. Introductions (5–10 mins)
6. Question 1 (10–20 mins)
7. Question 2 (10–20 mins)
8. Question 3 (10–20 mins)
9. Wrap up & next steps

Total time needed:
1–1.5 hours

Timing varies based on the number of participants.

Break into small groups of 4–8 people if you have a large group.

Have any questions?

In our online knowledge base you'll find:

- Host FAQs
- Facilitation tips
- Online hosting tips
- In-person hosting tips

See these and more at:
about.inclusivv.co/host

Welcome

A conversation about how family economic well-being keeps our children safe and our communities thriving.

Summary

We have been taught that if you work hard, you'll be successful. And if you raise your children well, they'll be even better off than you. But what if you already work a full-time job and still make less than a living wage? What if simply keeping a roof over your head takes up the lion's share of your pay, leaving you to scramble for life's other necessities? These are some of the real challenges families face. And they can have serious effects, with studies showing that children in low-income families are at greater risk of abuse and neglect. This conversation explores how we can all contribute to childhood well-being, and to a promising future, by supporting economic opportunities in Georgia.

What to Expect

Together we'll explore three big questions that take us on a journey of shared learning. No one is expected to be an expert, but everyone is invited to participate by sharing their experience and ideas. With each round of questions, we'll all have the opportunity to share. My role as host is to help ensure everyone's voice is heard and that we end on time. Before we begin, let's review and agree on the ground rules.

Ground Rules

Our ground rules help create a brave space where we honor what is shared and learned in this conversation. By joining this conversation you agree to:

- Listen With Curiosity
- Engage With Empathy
- Appreciate Authenticity
- Respect Those With Lived Experience
- Enjoy Yourself!



Host Tips

Start With Introductions

“Let’s get started with the introduction question.”

Read the question and copy and paste it into the chat (if hosting online).

Feel free to go first and kick things off!

Moving to the Next Question

Once everyone who wants to has shared, transition to the next question:

“Now that we all know each other a little better, we’ll move on to Question 1.”

Read the question and copy and paste it into the chat starting from Question 1 through the bolded question.

Repeat this process until each question has been addressed.

Wrapping Up

After everyone has shared on the final question (or if you are out of time) read the text under “What’s Next” and add any other specifics you are aware of related to your group.

Ask to take a screenshot or a photo of the group to capture the moment and encourage people to share the impact of this conversation with friends, peers and colleagues.

Introductions (1-2 minutes per person)

Share your name, how many siblings you have, and one thing that was considered a luxury item for you or your family when you were growing up.

Question 1: (2–3 minutes per person)

For raising children, money and access to resources really matter. But for many parents and caregivers in Georgia, it can be a struggle just to get by.

Have you had any advantages or disadvantages, based on what your family was able to afford growing up? What opportunities did this create or restrict for you?

Question 2: (3–4 minutes per person)

Parenting isn’t easy. The struggle is real. But the struggle is even harder if you don’t have access to a decent job, an adequate wage, money management know-how, affordable child care, and the flexibility needed to raise healthy children.

What are some of the impacts on child well-being when caregivers don’t have access to the resources they need?

Question 3: (3–4 minutes per person)

There are multiple ways Georgia can help improve the financial outlook for families. For instance, research shows that increasing the minimum wage by just \$1 causes nearly a 10% decline in reports of child neglect.¹ A range of other strategies are laid out in Georgia’s Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Plan, including: support for affordable housing, family-friendly and flexible workplaces, better earning opportunities for parents, education support and career training.

What are some more ways Georgia can help make sure families have what they need? What’s one big change you would like to see? And how can you advocate for this change?

What’s Next?

Thank you for sharing your stories, values and vision. Next, you will receive an email with next steps and an opportunity to share feedback. This conversation is just one of many in the Georgia Family and Child Well-Being Series. We encourage you to host or attend another topic and invite others as well.