

**Directions to the adoption gathering  
at the Jim Huie Recreation Center**

9045 Tara Boulevard  
Jonesboro, GA 30236  
(678) 479-5136

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**From the North:**

Take I-75 S to exit 235 ( US-19, US-41, Griffin/ Jonesboro ). Continue onto Tara Blvd., go approximately 5.5 miles to the 4th traffic light. Turn right into the Harold Banke Justice Center Complex, continue straight, the Recreation Center will be to the right.

**From the far South:**

Take I-75 N, take exit 228 ( GA-138, Jonesboro, Stockbridge ), turn left onto GA-138, Stockbridge Hwy ), turn right onto GA-138 N ( Charles 'ed' Holcomb Hwy ), turn left onto US-19 S ( US-41 S, GA-3 S, GA-54 S, Tara Blvd ). Continue onto Tara Blvd, go approximately 5.5 miles to the 4th traffic light. Turn right into the Harold Banke Justice Center Complex, continue straight, the Recreation Center will be to the right.

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For more information about adoption in Georgia call the adoption hotline toll-free at (877) 210-KIDS or check the website [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/adoptions](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/adoptions).

**Thank you for your interest in adoption!**

**Lumpe & Frost**  
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# adoption

videoconference  
and gathering



**Saturday, November 14, 2009**

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend!

Videoconference portion begins at 10 a.m.  
and ends at noon.

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The adoption videoconference and gathering are a collaborative effort of the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) and Lumpe & Frost, a Georgia DHS DFCS contractor..



## Adoption Gathering

9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
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### What to expect if you attend the adoption gathering

The adoption gathering will give you an opportunity to meet approximately 20 children who are in need of adoptive families. We will have physical games (like basketball, football toss, corn hole, etc.), board games and other activities for you to participate in with the children while casually getting to know them.

### Preparing prospective adoptive parents, before the children arrive

Plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for orientation (even if you have attended one of these events before). We will ask the children and their case managers to arrive at 10 a.m. so that we have enough time to walk through what the event will "look" like and answer questions before the children arrive. While we recognize that children currently living in your home are an important part of the adoption process, please do not bring them to the event. This may confuse other prospective adoptive parents, and, more importantly, takes attention away from the children who are hoping to meet their permanent family.

### Where is the gathering held?

The adoption gathering will be held at the Jim Huie Recreation Center, 9045 Tara Blvd., Jonesboro, GA 30236, (678) 479-5136 (in the Harold Banke Justice Center Complex). Directions are on the fold-over panel.

To register please contact Lisa Lumpe, DHS DFCS contractor, toll-free, at (877) 242-5774 or lumpe@core.com by November 13.

# November 14th

Plan to attend & meet a child (or children), like Kerrie, Devan or Quendarius, who may be right for your family



**Kerrie, 17**, is a good student who hopes to become a pediatrician, a career in which her great compassion for others will come in handy. Until then, Kerrie will continue to keep herself busy with her schoolwork, enjoying good music, eating good food, having good conversations, dancing, acting and playing card games.

**Devan, 8**, is an adorable little boy who loves to play and is full of energy! Though diagnosed with severe autism and being non-verbal, he is able to physically communicate his needs.



Future accounting or criminal justice major **Quendarius, 14**, is a bright student who loves to play sports, especially football and basketball. Outgoing and talkative with a great sense of humor, Quendarius enjoys socializing with his friends and playing video games.

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For more information about Kerrie, Devan and/or Quendarius and other Georgia children in need of adoptive families, please call (800) 603-1322.

## Adoption Videoconference

10:00 am - noon  
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### What to expect if you attend the videoconference

You will meet the same children who attend the adoption gathering, but through interactive television, rather than in person. And, while you are not able to play a game or do an activity with them, you may ask them about what they have been doing at the gathering.

There will be an adoption representative present to assist you while at this event. There will also be a brief orientation which will help guide you through the event (which children are scheduled to attend, what questions are okay to ask and not okay to ask and the next step after this event).

Since the children who are in need of adoptive families will not be at the videoconference sites you are welcome to bring your children.

**Augusta:** Office of Esquire Solutions, 513 Ellis Street. Contact Dan Almeter at (706) 771-5890 for more information.

**Macon:** Macon State College, Jones Building, Room 121. Contact Alissa Kautz at (478) 836-6034 for more information.

**Savannah:** Armstrong Atlantic State University, University Hall 114. Contact Brenda Martz at (912) 576-1316 for more information.

**Valdosta:** Valdosta State University, Odum Library room 1470. Contact Barbara Williams at (229) 245-2426 for more information.

*Unattended videoconference sites will be cancelled at 11 a.m.*

If you are curious about specific children who will attend the adoption gathering and videoconference, please go to [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/adoptions](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/adoptions) and click on "news and events" on the left under "adoption".