

**GSCA Region 6  
Spring Conference!**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

**Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.**

**Conference time is 9:00 to 3:00.**

**Albany State University**

**2400 Gillionville Rd.**

**Building C (the Student Center), Room 266 (second floor)**

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**Albany, GA**

- 8:30-9:00**            **Check-In/Registration (Coffee and water will be available.)**
- 9:00-9:30**            **Welcome from incoming GSCA President Gabrielle Brundige**  
Overview from your conference organizers, Dr. Katrina Steele,  
Thomas University; Dr. Lee Grimes, Grand Canyon University; and  
site host Dr. Annie Lewis, Albany State University
- 9:30-10:30**            **Session 1 - Disaster Preparedness**  
  
**Presenter, Danyelle D. Oates**  
  
**Region K Healthcare Coalition Facilitator**  
  
After our region has been hit two times in the past year and has still not fully  
recovered, disaster preparedness for schools, students, and community, and  
resources are helpful for school counselors to be aware of. Georgia's Regional  
Healthcare Preparedness Coalitions have been formed to help bridge gaps and  
improve healthcare preparedness for disasters.
- 10:30-10:45**            **Break**
- 10:45-11:30**            **Session 2 - Court Appointed Special Advocates**  
  
**Presenter, Charlene Maldonado, Executive Director,**

## **Dougherty County CASA, Inc.**

### **Foster Children Need a Village**

In the complex world of child welfare, where vulnerable children navigate the tumultuous waters of foster care, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) have emerged as beacons of hope and guidance. As a vital support system, CASA volunteers dedicate their time and compassion to representing children's best interests in court, ensuring their voices are heard and their needs are met. During the presentation, we'll delve into the rich history of CASA, exploring the remarkable journeys of its volunteers and the profound impact they make in the lives of foster children. We will highlight the importance of a robust support network for these young individuals and discover how a committed village can alter the course of a child's life within the intricate child welfare system.

**11:30-1:00**

**Lunch on your own**

**1:00-2:00**

**Session 3 - Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA)**

**Presenter, Waffle**

Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) is a registered non-profit organization (in all countries where we operate), tax-exempt organization that exists to provide aid, comfort, safety, and support for children who have been sexually, physically, and emotionally abused. Our membership is dedicated to the principle that one of the basic rights of childhood is to be safe and protected, and when the child's family or environment has failed them, we stand ready to provide that support. B.A.C.A. is a strong organization of committed and dedicated individuals who are willing to sacrifice all to protect and secure a child's basic right to a happy childhood. Waffle will share how they can help at our local schools.

**2:00-2:15**

**Break**

**2:15-2:45**

**Session 4 - Networking, Connecting, Sharing**

Attendees will move to break out areas for a quick networking and connecting session with school counselors from around the region. Share your biggest challenges and rewards this year and hopefully meet new school counseling friends!

**2:45 p.m.**

**Wrap-Up with Trina and Lee**

**See y'all at the GSCA Conference in November!**

**November 12-14, 2025 (Wednesday - Friday) Marriott Macon City Center, Macon, GA**