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Samar Abdelmageed is the Data Analyst at the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. In this role, she oversees the Family Violence Data Enhancement Project, which seeks to improve the collection, analysis and reporting of domestic violence data. Prior to joining the staff of the Commission, she worked as statistical analysis intern at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia and as a research assistant at an Atlanta-based product liability firm. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the Georgia Institute of Technology where she specialized in statistics, computer science and heuristics-based research. Samar enjoys traveling, cooking, and playing soccer with the Georgia Amateur Women's Soccer Association and plans to attend law school in the near future.

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Carolynn Brooks

Carolynn Brooks is the Fatality Review Coordinator for the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. Hailing from Western NY originally, Carolynn earned a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in human development and family studies with a focus in post-traumatic growth. Carolynn joined GCFV in 2020 with over eight years of experience in human services, research, and family violence.

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Niki Lemeshka

Niki Lemeshka is the Program Manager at the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. In that capacity she oversees the agency's grant-funded programs and special projects. Prior to her current role, Niki served as the agency's Fatality Review Coordinator where she ran the Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project, authored the project's Annual Reports and provided technical assistance to communities as they implemented project recommendations. Previously, she worked in direct service at a domestic violence program and in child protective services.

Niki currently serves on the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution's Rules Implementation Committee and is an Advisory Board member for the Georgia Violent Death Reporting System of the Georgia Department of Public Health. She also served on the State of Georgia's Protocol Development Committee for co-occurring cases of domestic violence and child maltreatment and has chaired multiple community groups including Georgia's STOP VAWA Training Initiatives Implementation Subcommittee, the Cherokee County Domestic Violence Task Force, and the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

Niki regularly provides training on issues related to family violence and stalking victimization on the state and national level and is a Certified Professional Trainer on Stalking Victimization. She is a QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Instructor, a member of the Georgia Mental Health Trainer Network, a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council General Instructor and is on the faculty of the Georgia Victim Assistance Academy. Niki volunteers as a legislative

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