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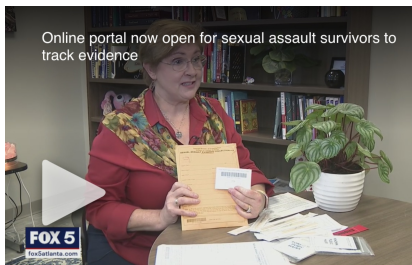
Tesserae: Summer 2022

'te-sə-rē, plural noun, the small pieces used to build a mosaic

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Recognizing the Whole: Mosaic Georgia as Pioneer



Check out Executive Director Marina Sampanes Peed on Fox 5 News!

Mosaic Georgia was one of six organizations across the state to take part in a pilot program beginning in October 2021 to test the state's new evidence tracking portal. The Criminal Justice Coordinating

Council set up the system so that victims, advocates, and law enforcement can log in and check the status of evidence in sex assault cases. [Read more and see our very own Marina in action.](#)

Building Connection: A survivor chat on Facebook Live



Survivor Sommer Floyd



Caring and Courageous Conversations

As a survivor studying to become a trauma counselor, Sommer was initially driven to address her own sexual abuse when her undergraduate psychology courses led her to seek counseling. Join us TONIGHT at 7pm on [Facebook Live](#) as Mosaic Georgia's Maryam Jordan chats with Sommer about her passion for advocacy & education and its role in her healing.

Tuesday August 30th @ 7pm

Adding Your Piece: Mosaic Masterpieces Happy Hour



Art in Action

Join us at our third annual fundraising Happy Hour event at the [Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center 9/29](#) as we celebrate empowerment through art with music, savory bites, drinks, and an auction of artwork created by the local community. [Read more and register!](#)

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

Internal Pieces: New Faces at Mosaic Georgia

Meet the talented new additions to our team!

Maria Herrera

Bilingual Forensic Interviewer and Advocate

Fun Fact: If you catch Maria watching TV it will most likely be *The Office*, and in her free time you might see her shooting some hoops.

From Atlanta, GA, Maria is of Mexican descent and is bilingual in Spanish and English. Maria received her bachelor's in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University and is currently working on her Master's in Public Administration at Kennesaw State University. Before joining the Mosaic team, she worked at the Douglas County Task Force for almost three years as a Legal Services Coordinator, then as a Bilingual Forensic Interviewer. She joined Mosaic Georgia in March of 2022. Maria is passionate about serving her community and giving survivors a place to feel heard.



Brian Darden

IT/Data Administrator

Fun Fact: Brian is running his first marathon later this year!

Brian was born and raised in and around Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2013 with a BA in Sociology and recently completed a Master of Public Administration at the University of North Georgia. Brian previously worked for FOCUS, a non-profit in Atlanta that serves families who have children with developmental disabilities and who are medically fragile. He now works as

Mosaic Georgia's IT and Data Administrator where he handles all things technical and database-related.



Teresa Bullard

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

Fun Fact: Teresa met her husband on the school bus freshman year and they won cutest couple for senior superlatives. (Not sure it gets any sweeter than that.)

Teresa earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of South Florida in Tampa and worked in Mother Baby at NSH for 17 years. She first worked with Mosaic Georgia as an on call SANE and is now a full-time member of the staff. Teresa feels passionate about getting age-appropriate, sex positive inclusive sex education into our schools. She is very involved in her church's outreach and advocacy for LGBTQ+ individuals and participates with the Atlanta area Lutheran church to support the Atlanta Pride Parade and Festival.



*Your donation is the strongest way to help empower those who have been impacted by sexual violence. Mosaic Georgia's myriad of services are **free of charge**. These donations allow us to continue this crucial support as well as enhance our offerings to the community. We are grateful for your support!*

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Today

Mosaic Georgia is a private, nonprofit corporation that is a Children's Advocacy Center and Sexual Assault Center that strives for and demands safety, health and justice for children and adults victimized by sexual abuse, assault and trafficking. Please learn more at www.MosaicGeorgia.org.

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