



# MOSAIC GEORGIA

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## Tesserae

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

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This June we celebrate freedom while acknowledging the ongoing battle against injustice that still shapes the lives of Black Americans today.

At Mosaic Georgia we recognize the Black community served at our center who are disproportionately affected by sexual assault.

In the spirit of Juneteenth, we recommit ourselves to supporting and protecting those who are most vulnerable.

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In his interview, survivor, author and speaker Kevin McNeil shares personal and powerful insights during Men's Health Awareness Month.

"You are human before you are male. Maleness is a prescribed title. If they [men] are not careful, they'll live their lives being something that they don't have the capacity to upkeep"... [Continue reading](#)

#### Upcoming Events

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*Come support on June 29th!*

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## Someone's Gotta Say It

**Straight Talk About Tough Topics**

from Executive Director Marina Sampanes Peed



### Surviving Sexual Assault in the LGBTQ+ Community: Mosaic Georgia Extends a Warm Welcome, Support and Care

*by Marina Sampanes Peed, Executive Director*

LGBTQ+ individuals face a higher risk of sexual violence due to a combination of societal factors, systemic discrimination, and specific vulnerabilities within the community.

We know that sexual violence is as old as mankind. The expression of power and control over someone the perpetrator regards as their possession or less than fully human is universal. Rape is a tool of war – done to girls and women to insult the men in their group. People commit sexual assaults among all communities, irrespective of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or identity... [Read more](#)



[The Link Between “The Talk” and Kid’s Safety: Discussing Sex and Bodily Autonomy with Our Children](#)

*by Kendall Wolz, Mental Health & Wellness Manager*

If I were to sit down with a random group of adults and ask the question, “What happened when you had “THE TALK” with your parents or caregivers, many in the group would likely recoil and cringe with discomfort.

It is vital that parents and caregivers begin talking to their children about their bodies and sex early and in an age-appropriate manner. Equipping children with accurate, scientific information about their bodies empowers them to respond appropriately to situations that may be harmful... [Read more](#)

## Mosaic in Action

### Caring and Courageous Conversations



Kevin McNeil



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Maryam of Mosaic Talks with Survivor Kevin McNeil

Kevin journeyed from the depths of depression and addiction to a phenomenal rise as an esteemed speaker, author, and survivor advocate.

Listen as Kevin shares the abundance of wisdom he has gained on his healing journey.

[Play the Facebook Live Recording](#)

## Faces of Mosaic



Meet the Forensic Interview Team!

**Helen • Edith • Maria • Jessica • Jaime • Rebeca • Charmaine • Samantha**

Our forensic interviewers navigate the delicate undertaking of child interviews with precision and care. Learn a little about their backgrounds as well as some quirky fun facts about the person behind the interviewer.

[Meet more of the Mosaic Georgia team](#)

## Upcoming Events


What's Going on at Mosaic Georgia?...so much stuff!





Keep up with our [Community Events](#), [Medical Trainings and Wholeness Collective Class Offerings](#).

For the fourth year in a row, the [Mosaic Masterpieces Happy Hour](#) is back this September!



## Youth Art Gallery

Support Local Youth!

Join us to view beautiful artistic creations from the talented children who participated in our recent Youth Art Series. This is a [Wholeness Collective](#) program, supporting long-term healing and wellness for trauma survivors.


**Thursday, June 29th**  
**6-7 pm**

[RSVP Here!](#)

*Youth Art Gallery*

Thursday, June 29th 2023  
Mosaic Georgia Resilience Center  
6:00pm-7:00pm

Join us to recognize Art created by the talented children who participated in our May/June 2023 Youth Art Series! RSVP at the code below.



Join the Mosaic Georgia Team:

Bilingual Forensic Interviewer/Advocate  
[Read the full job description](#) and [apply here](#).

## How You Can Help

Your donation is the most powerful way you can help Mosaic Georgia to empower those who have been impacted by sexual violence and abuse. Our services are always **free of charge** to those we help, but we can only do that with your help.

**Donate to Mosaic Georgia today!**

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