

# **2020** ANNUAL REPORT

As the state's leading consumer advocacy organization, GEORGIA WATCH works tirelessly to protect and inform consumers so all Georgians prosper and communities thrive. We seek to break down barriers and ensure access to opportunities and resources for all Georgians.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- WATCH.
- Successfully **advocated for a moratorium on utility disconnections** to protect Georgians struggling to keep the lights on amid the **COVID-19 crisis**.
  - Created the **COVID-19 Resource guide** to provide consumers with a **list of resources** from national and state agencies, nonprofits, and other partners **to help protect their health, finances, and housing.** 
    - Supported the efforts of Community Health Workers by interviewing and sharing stories uplifting the lived experiences of health workers serving under-resourced Atlanta communities during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis.
    - Kicked off Community Voices for Health–Georgia to promote stronger community engagement in policy decisions affecting the health of Georgians.
  - Launched the Advocates for Change board, comprised of five CHWs from around the state, to support data collection and development of CHW civic advocacy skills training.

## **EDUCATING GEORGIANS**

Hosted **8** workshops across the state on utilities and power bills, financial protection, and healthcare



Had over **545** active participants engage with our virtual workshops

### CONSUMER EDUCATION MATERIALS





## **ASSISTING GEORGIANS**

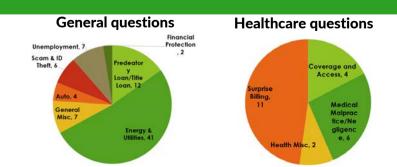


Most consumers asked about...

Most healthcare questions centered on...

Utilities, 31%

Surprise billing, 8%



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## **ADVOCATING FOR GEORGIANS**

## **WROTE 41**

public comments and letters, advocating for greater protections for Georgians

## We published 41 NEWLETTER

**ARTICLES** 

... and were featured as experts in the news

**43 TIMES** 

**Consumer Energy & Financial Protection** were covered most!

## **ENGAGING GEORGIANS**



## **CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS & CONSUMER CHAMPIONS**

We worked diligently to uplift the voices of Community Health workers during the COVID-19 pandemic

We proudly recognized our 2020 Consumer Champions



What is the most important thing to know about the community you

It's important to know the history of the community you serve. Knowledge of the past is needed to propel

Aisha Williams, CHW



## Honoring Consumer Champions!

We are excited to honor these Consumer Champions for 2020:





