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.

In 2021, Georgia Watch:

- Launched the Community Benefit and Economic Stability - Georgia Project, working to address the impact of medical debt in Southwest Georgia, especially among communities of color, through systemic changes rooted in community engagement.

- Celebrated the Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act going into effect, protecting an estimated 2.5 million Georgia residents from unexpected out-of-network bills, and along with Georgians for a Healthy Future, released the consumer guide, "What You Need to Know About Georgia's Surprise Billing Law."

- Produced “Helping Georgians Manage Garnishment Actions,” advocating for state-level policy changes that will reform Georgia’s garnishment laws, protecting consumers from bankruptcy and promoting economic stability.

- Stood up for Georgia’s energy burdened utility customers at numerous hearings into the debacle at nuclear Plant Vogtle.

- Held the inaugural Civic Advocacy, Leadership, and Engagement Trainings for Community Health Workers with our Community Voices for Health - Georgia partners.

**Educating Georgians**

Hosted 6 workshops across the state on financial protection, health access, and more!

Had over 330 active participants engage with our virtual workshops!

Produced 17 consumer education materials!

**Assisting Georgians**

Through our consumer hotline, we helped over 100 Georgians!

Most consumers asked about…

Energy & Utilities, 15%

Most healthcare questions centered on…

Coverage & Access, 8%

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Among our most popular posts, the top post was related to the Community Benefit and Economic Stability Project’s Dish the Debt Campaign!

We published 35 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

...and were featured as experts in the news 25 TIMES Financial Protection was covered most!

ENGAGING GEORGIANs

Most Clicks - 33

Georgia Watch
November 23, 2021

“People just don’t even know what their rights are,” Liz Coyle, executive director of Georgia Watch said. “We know people who can’t pay their rent or mortgage or put food on the table because they’re trying to pay medical bills.”

Savannah Levine spoke to Georgia Watch’s Liz Coyle for an 11Alive report highlighting Georgians struggling with medical debt. Georgia Watch was awarded a $190,000 grant and is working with Georgians for a Healthy Future and Sowega Rising to restore... See more

Most Reactions - 26

Georgia Watch
August 2, 2021

July 2021 Newsletter: Liz Coyle to testify before U.S. Senate & much more! Click below to read more.

http://ow.ly/km8T5OFithQ

We continued to uplift the voices of Community Health Workers (CHWs) during the COVID-19 pandemic!

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS & CONSUMER CHAMPIONS

We proudly presented awards to our 2020 Consumer Champions!

How have things changed for you at work after COVID-19?

“Getting in touch with clients is challenging. After COVID-19, I have to find innovative ways to contact them. I can’t just drive by and check in anymore. I have to call and text more frequently.”

Danina Battle, CHW
Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, Inc.


Wrote 19 public comments and letters, advocating for greater protections for Georgians!