Now more than ever, Georgia voters recognize the importance of early care & learning and policies that support working families. In a divided political environment, support for early learning is consistently strong and overwhelmingly bipartisan. Voters support family-friendly policies, whether or not they have young children.

### PRESSING ISSUES FACING GEORGIANS

**Early Childhood Education (ECE) and paid leave are important issues to Georgians.**

Expanding access to early childhood education and paid family and medical leave are priorities for Georgia voters—observed at levels similar to other top issues. Roughly 9 in 10 voters identified these issues as important.

### FEDERAL ACTION ON CHILD CARE

**Georgians Say Congress Should Prioritize Quality, Affordable Child Care in Wake of COVID-19 Pandemic**

From the following list, please tell me if each should be a high priority, somewhat of a priority, not much of a priority or not at all a priority for Congress to address as a result of the coronavirus pandemic:

- Providing financial assistance to small businesses: 95%
- Providing more resources to public schools: 93%
- Ensuring access to quality affordable child care: 91%
- Providing mortgage and rent relief: 86%
- Extending unemployment benefits: 80%
- Providing student loan relief: 78%

**Georgians Support Targeted Financial Assistance to Child Care Industry**

- Total Support: 86%
- Total Oppose: 9%
- Don't Know / Refused: 5%
Nearly 9 in 10 Georgia Voters Support Paid Family Leave

Georgians Support
Maintaining or Increasing
Funding for Early Childhood
Education (ECE)

The majority of voters (88%) believe funding for early childhood education should be increased or maintained.

Georgia Voters Support Variety of ECE Policies

Support for Georgia's Pre-K Is Higher Than Ever

Greater than nine in ten (91%) support Georgia’s free, lottery-funded voluntary Pre-K.

VOTERS SUPPORT ECE-FRIENDLY CANDIDATES

are more likely to vote for candidates supportive of early care & learning

Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for political office who SUPPORTS policies that give more families access to quality child care and preschool?

65%

63% more likely

68% more likely

Swing Voters

Women

See full results, including crosstabs, at www.GEEARS.org/POLLING