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Georgia's early care and education (ECE) workforce is 67,500 strong, serving 337,000 of Georgia's children.

Policies impacting the ECE field are decided by elected officials at all levels of government—from local school boards to the halls of Congress. The COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated many of the problems already facing the ECE industry. Families have long struggled to access affordable high-quality options, teachers have been underpaid and undervalued, and programs have faced slim margins and precarious financial situations.

The ECE industry is under great stress. Now, more than ever, your vote matters.

VOTE

Here are some ways you can support your staff and families in voting:

1 Get the Word Out

Make sure your employees and parents know about the upcoming election and encourage them to vote. Give out nonpartisan voter information (like the information found on the back of this mailer!) by utilizing your existing communication channels, such as your newsletter or social media accounts. Send home a note in backpacks or hang up a flyer. Consider reminding parents about upcoming deadlines during drop-off/pick-up or prescheduled parent-teacher conferences. Give staff time to request absentee ballots or register to vote during staff meetings.

2 Make It Possible

Consider doing the following to help get people to the polls:

- Extend your hours so parents can vote before or after work
- Encourage staff to make a plan to vote, whether absentee or on election day
- Give staff time off to vote, planning ahead for coverage to maintain staff-child ratios

3 Keep Young Children in Mind When You Vote

Your voice is their future. Check out GEEARS' 2020 Voter Guide to learn more about the issues impacting Georgia's youngest learners and their families and find questions you can ask candidates.

For GEEARS' 2020 Voter Guide and more resources, visit gears.org/vote.

Please be sure to follow federal and state tax and campaign laws. Nonprofits can participate in GOTV activities like the ones listed here, as long as they are nonpartisan and have no evidence of bias for a particular candidate or political party.



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Dates to Remember



Voter
Registration
Deadline



Early
Voting



Election
Day

Find all the resources you
need in the 2020 Georgia
Voter Guide on Early Care
and Learning at

www.geears.org/vote 



Please consider voting by absentee
ballot during this unusual election season!

You do not need to provide a reason to vote by absentee ballot in Georgia.

Request your ballot as soon as possible, as it may take a while to process. You can request an absentee ballot by visiting ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov.

Once you receive your *ballot*, follow the provided instructions to complete it and then hand-deliver to your county election office or return it by mail. Absentee ballots must *arrive* at your county election office by election day.



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Find resources and learn more at geears.org



Georgia Association for the
Education of Young Children

Learn more and become a member at gaeyc.net



Our state's youngest children are depending on all
of us to vote on November 3rd.