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Community-Based Quality Early Learning Experiences

Providing Quality Where Kids Are:
Family, Friend and Neighbor Care (FFN)
Georgia Population By Age

AGE GROUP	POPULATION	POPULATION SERVED	PERCENT SERVED
BIRTH THROUGH 12 MONTHS (AGE ZERO)	129,104	20,218	15.7%
12 – 24 MONTHS (AGE ONE)	129,915	32,168	24.8%
12 – 24 MONTHS (AGE TWO)	132,990	33,166	24.9%
24.36 MONTHS (AGE THREE)	133,811	58,367	43.6%
48-60 MONTHS (AGE FOUR)	136,855	118,497	86.6%

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Source: US Census annual estimates of population by single years of age as of July 1, 2014. Enrollments estimated using three sources: 1) administrative data from the Georgia Head Start Association, 2) Georgia's Pre-K administrative data from DECAL, and 3) data from the Early Care and Education Economic Impact Survey.

Increasing Language Rich Environments: Examples of Community-Wide Efforts

- Mobile Texting

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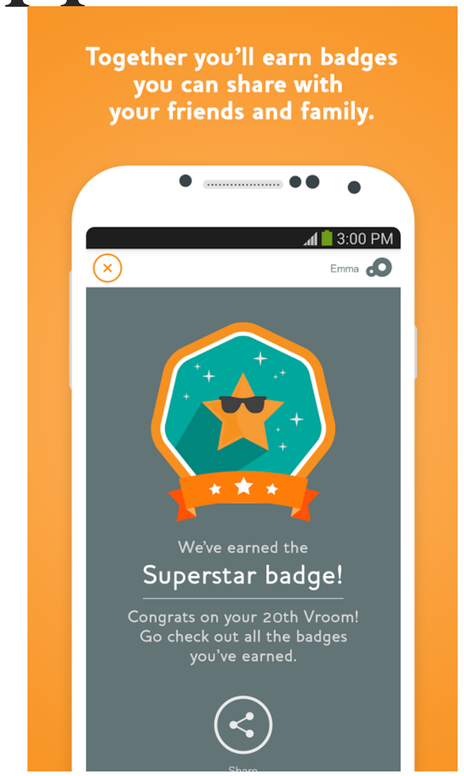
- Community Play Spaces

URBAN THINKSCAPE

TRANSFORMING CITYSCAPES INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAYFUL LEARNING

- Smart Phone Applications



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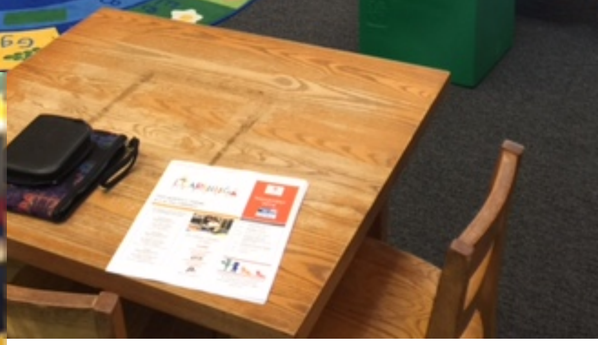
Place-Based Innovation Initiative: UWGA Learning Spaces

- Partnerships to transform spaces where caregivers eat, pray and play (e.g. libraries, barbershops, faith institutions)
- Facilitated play and learn sessions by early childhood teachers/trainers
- Common curriculum and expectations across sites
- Screening and referrals grounded in relationships
- Social support networks
- Healthy snacks
- Community-based leadership (Parent Ambassadors)
- Developing mobile outreach unit



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Place-Based Innovation Initiative: UWGA Learning Spaces

- Since September 2016, 4,608 children and their families have been engaged in meaning preschool experiences through Learning Spaces

- Locations: 3 in Clayton; 3 in Fulton (South Fulton, Northwest, and Metropolitan Libraries)

- Annual Cost:
  - Initial Learning Space – $20,000 to $25,000
  - Ongoing Annual Costs - $15,000

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