

## Programs/Services Administered by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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| Georgia's Pre-K Program                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational program to prepare four year olds for Kindergarten;</li> <li>• Funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education</li> </ul>   | Approximately 80,000 per year   | Statewide   | \$365 M   |
| Georgia Program for Infant and Toddler Care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports improving infant and toddler care through regionally based Infant Toddler Specialists who provide training, onsite coaching, and program grants to directors and teachers.</li> <li>• The federal Child Care and Development Block Grant provides funding to states to improve infant and toddler care.</li> <li>• In FY2018, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement awarded DECAL \$2M to support infant/toddler early language and literacy grants to centers in targeted counties.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Child care centers rated 2-star or 3-star by Quality Rated are eligible to apply for grant funds.</li> <li>○ Awarded centers received \$20,000 per infant toddler classroom.</li> <li>○ Program teachers and directors required to attend intensive training and receive weekly onsite coaching</li> <li>○ Funding must be used to employ a trained on-site Teacher Leader for their center.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 300 classroom teachers and administrators are directly served in onsite coaching and support provided by Infant and Toddler Specialists</li> <li>• 14 child care centers with a total of 48 classes receive a GOSA ELL grant.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide</li> <li>• Participating centers are in the following counties:<br/>Clayton<br/>DeKalb<br/>Dougherty<br/>Fulton<br/>Hall<br/>Jeff Davis<br/>Oglethorpe<br/>Tift<br/>Rockdale<br/>Warren</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$7.1 M</li> <li>• \$2M</li> </ul> |

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| Inclusion      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the inclusion of children with disabilities, improving classroom climate, and preventing and reducing suspension and expulsion of young children in early education classrooms through regionally based Inclusion Specialists who work with directors and teachers.</li> <li>• Available to the birth to five community</li> <li>• Work of the Inclusion Specialists is grounded in the <i>Pyramid Model for Supporting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children</i>, a framework of evidence-based practices that provides universal supports promoting the social emotional development of all young children and additional supports for children and families with more complex needs.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion specialists offer training to over 6,000 early childhood annually.</li> <li>• Each specialist offers onsite coaching to classrooms.</li> <li>• More than 500 teachers receive onsite or tele-coaching annually.</li> <li>• Approximately 40 child care centers are supported in full implementation of the Pyramid Model.</li> </ul> | Statewide                    |               |

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| Family Engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports family engagement across the birth to five learning community</li> <li>• A state level Family Engagement Specialist provides training and support to child care programs and communities to understand and offer authentic family engagement opportunities for their families.</li> </ul>   |                                 | Statewide                    |               |
| DECAL Scholars    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes high quality early learning environments by supporting and rewarding Georgia's early care and education workforce.</li> <li>• Provides ongoing financial assistance, rewards and educational counseling to encourage professional, on the job development, to support academic credential advancement, and to improve job retention rates.</li> </ul> |                                 | Statewide                    |               |

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| DECAL Scholars | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The four components of DECAL Scholars               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education Counseling</li> <li>○ SCHOLARSHIPS (<i>Range varies</i>)</li> <li>○ INCENTIVES (<i>Range = \$250-\$1,250 depending on credential</i>)</li> <li>○ Awards for Early Educators (<i>Range = \$1,200-\$2,500 depending on credential</i>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scholarships and INCENTIVES funded by the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)</li> <li>• Awards for Early Educators funded through the Early Learning Challenge grant</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since its inception in FY 2002, 15,675 applicants awarded INCENTIVES payments.</li> <li>• For FY2018, 212 applicants approved for INCENTIVE payments of \$109,375.</li> <li>• Since its inception in FY 2003, 9,963 unique recipients have received SCHOLARSHIPS.</li> <li>• For FY2018, SCHOLARSHIPS has awarded 723 applicants \$661,711.</li> <li>• Since inception of program, 2,259 Awards for Early Educators granted.</li> </ul> | Statewide                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.5 M for SCHOLARSHIPS and INCENTIVES FOR FY2018.</li> <li>• Cumulative total for INCENTIVES = \$25,697,625.</li> <li>• Cumulative total for SCHOLARSHIPS = \$11,157,816.</li> <li>• \$533,200 for Awards for Early Educators for FY2018</li> </ul> |

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| Quality Rated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia’s tiered quality rating and improvement system to assess, communicate, and improve the quality of early childhood care and education programs.</li> <li>• Mini grants given to programs when they begin the technical assistance process to earn a star rating. Mini grants funded by CCDF and distributed by child care resource and referral agencies.</li> <li>• Funds used on classroom supplies and materials to help improve a program’s quality; items selected by a program’s technical assistance provider based on a needs assessment.</li> <li>• Technical assistance/professional development/coaching provided at no-cost when programs begin participating in Quality Rated.</li> <li>• Child care programs receive bonus packages of classroom supplies and materials and cash bonuses for teachers when they achieve a one, two, or three star rating.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 65% of all licensed child care programs in the state are participating in Quality Rated</li> <li>• 32% of all licensed child care programs have completed the process and earned a one, two, or three star Quality Rated star rating</li> </ul> | 154 counties          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$14M in private funds to support bonus packages statewide</li> <li>• Approximately \$1.1 M spent by state per year on mini grants awarded directly to child care programs statewide</li> </ul> |

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| Child Care Resource and Referral System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides training and technical assistance to support child care programs to become Quality Rated.</li> <li>• Services offered free to child care providers</li> <li>• Network of six regions with consultants to help child care programs improve practices and overall program quality</li> <li>• Operates a statewide call center to provide consumer awareness to families about how to find high quality child care.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-877-ALLGAKIDS, the state’s free child care hotline, receives approximately 9,000 calls from families looking for child care each year.</li> <li>• The website gets approximately 20,000 unique visits per month.</li> </ul> | Statewide                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$12. 2 M from federal CCDF for training and technical assistance</li> <li>• \$848,932 from federal CCDF for call center</li> </ul> |

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| Quality Rated Subsidy Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants funded by federal child care subsidy dollars awarded to Quality Rated child care providers to ensure eligible families have access to high quality child care</li> <li>• Eligibility for slots determined onsite by child care providers</li> <li>• Requirements to participate:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must be quality rated</li> <li>○ Must maintain lower ratios than state licensing ratios</li> <li>○ Must participate in Georgia's Pre-K Program</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Benefits to participating:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For Providers                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A consistent and reliable funding source</li> <li>▪ Higher reimbursement rates than the subsidy base rate</li> <li>▪ Training and onsite technical assistance</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ For Families:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to high quality early childhood care and education at no cost</li> <li>▪ Eligibility at the local level</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,771 slots funded for the project period from December 2017 through June 2018</li> <li>• Funds part of the cost of Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership services to approximately 360 infants, toddlers, and their families dually-eligible for Head Start and subsidized child care</li> </ul> | Bartow, Bibb, Bulloch, Catoosa, Clayton, Crawford, Crisp, Dooly, Floyd, Fulton, Gordon, Gwinnett, Macon, Muscogee, Murray, Peach, Polk, Pulaski, Richmond, Telfair, and Whitfield | Approximately \$10 M from federal CCDF |

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| Early Education Empowerment Zones (E3Zs)       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four regions of the state that work with DECAL and other state agencies to pilot early education system reform initiatives and partnerships that support better outcomes for young children.</li> <li>• E3Z Community Coordinators work with community stakeholders to bring awareness to early education through local initiatives.</li> </ul>   |   | Catoosa, Gilmer, Gordon, Murray, and Whitfield counties, Clarke County, Bibb County, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, and Lowndes counties |  |
| Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants | Funds child care programs to provide comprehensive Early Head Start services   | Serves 208 infants, toddlers, and their families  | Clayton, Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, and Gwinnett counties.   | Approximately \$3.5M federal plus \$1M state matching funding annually |
| Child and Adult Food Program (CACFP)           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides healthy meals to children and adults enrolled and participating in structured non-residential education programs.</li> <li>• Using funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, the program reimburses eligible child care centers, adult care centers, family day care homes, afterschool programs and emergency shelters with children for costs associated with providing quality meals and snacks to children or adults in care.</li> </ul> | # of Institutions/<br>Sponsors:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017: 682</li> <li>• YTD 2018: 630</li> </ul> # of Centers/Homes:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017: 3,978</li> <li>• YTD 2018: 3,434</li> </ul> # of Meals/Snacks Served:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017: 74,989,023</li> <li>• YTD 2018: 24,435,904</li> </ul> | 156 Counties  | FY 2018, providers have been reimbursed more than \$39.3M.             |



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| Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides healthy, free meals to children from low-income/at-risk areas during periods when schools are closed for vacation.</li> <li>• Using funds from USDA, the program partners with community organizations to reimburse for meals/snacks served at eligible sites.</li> <li>• Meal sites can be churches, parks and recreation centers, schools, college and university campuses, libraries, day or over-night camps.</li> </ul> | <p># of sponsors: 93</p> <p># of sites: 1,762</p> <p># of meals/snacks served: 5,489,679 (paid &amp; unpaid claims)</p> | 104 Counties                 | FY 2018, providers have been reimbursed more than \$15.9M. |
| Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides financial assistance to low income families by subsidizing child care at an early education program. Eligibility based on family income and on meeting an activity requirement, generally working or attending school or a vocational training program. Once determined eligible, families receive a scholarship and can select care at the early education program of their choice.</li> </ul>                              | Approximately, 42,743 children have an active scholarship.  | Statewide                    | \$213M funded by the federal CCDF and state funds.         |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families receiving CAPS receive additional support through a family support consultant who:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ provides information and resources about child development and developmental screening, quality child care, and health and safety</li> <li>○ connects families with other needed state and community resources</li> <li>○ helps families navigate services and programs</li> <li>○ conduct training and outreach for both families and early education programs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |                       |               |
| Georgia Head Start State Collaboration Office | Promote high quality comprehensive services for children and families from low-income households by building collaborative partnerships between federal, state, and privately-funded programs for children.  | 32 Head Start/ Early Head Start grantees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 18,968 Head Start slots</li> <li>○ 4,198 Early Head Start slots</li> </ul> | Statewide             | \$218,235,107 |