

# QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION

STRENGTHENING GEORGIA'S CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES



of Georgia's third graders read proficiently by the end of third grade. **As a result, Georgia's future is at risk**

Children who attend high quality early education are:



**MORE LIKELY**  
to graduate high school,  
attend college, have a job  
and earn higher wages

**LESS LIKELY**  
to drop out of school,  
depend on social services,  
be arrested

**EARLY  
LEARNING  
BUILDS THE  
FOUNDATION**  
of skills  
needed in school,  
work and life



**\$1 INVESTED**  
in high quality  
early education



**SAVES \$7**  
by lowering demand for social  
services and reducing crime rates

**GEEARS WORKS TO ENSURE ALL OF GEORGIA'S STUDENTS  
ENTER KINDERGARTEN PREPARED TO SUCCEED BY**

## ADVOCATING

to make early learning  
accessible for all



## MAXIMIZING

the state's investment  
in early learning



## EDUCATING

Georgia's leaders about the  
economic, community and health  
benefits of early learning



# GEEARS

GEORGIA EARLY EDUCATION  
ALLIANCE FOR READY STUDENTS

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