

# Family Engagement Community Grants

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# Introduction and Purpose of the Grants

- Increased capacity of families to:
  - support the growth and development of their young children and to
  - fully and effectively participate in school and community.
- Increased diversity of families in the community with access to family engagement opportunities
- Focus on families with complex needs
- Address birth to 8 age range

# Eligibility and Grant Criteria

- Only open to Family Connection Collaboratives
- Outline goals, strategies and resources to support family engagement
- Alignment with Strengthening Families protective factors
- Involvement of all families in community, especially those with complex needs through collaboration with partners
- Must have attended **Family Engagement: Key Practices and Strategies** training

# Funding

- Funding through Georgia's Early Learning Challenge Grant
- 24 grants up to \$10,000 each
- Total fund availability of \$240,000,
- Competitive RFP process
- A minimum of four grants will be awarded to E3Z counties

# Successful Proposals will:

- Describe specific goals and activities designed to support one of three Strengthening Families protective factors
- Demonstrate clear linkages between current family engagement initiatives and the activities of the grant
- Provide a specific plan for reaching families with complex needs

# Successful Proposals will

- Describe a specific plan for collaborating with partner agencies and community organizations serving families with complex needs.
- Include specific continuous quality improvement measures and activities
- Provide an ambitious yet achievable plan for sustainability

# Strengthening Families

- Grant goals and activities should align with one or more Strengthening Families protective factors
- Focus is on those protective factors supporting child development and community engagement
  - Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
  - Social Connections
  - Social Emotional Competence of Children

<http://www.cssp.org/reform/strengthening-families/basic-one-pagers/Strengthening-Families-Protective-Factors.pdf>

# Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development

- Accurate information about child development and appropriate expectations
- Help families see their children in a positive light
- Promote healthy development
- Examples:
  - Family education classes
  - Printed and web-based resources and information



# Social Connections

- Networks of support for families
- Building positive relationships with other families of young children
- Examples:
  - Parent Cafes
  - Free and reduced tickets to museums and community events
  - Family playdates

# Social Emotional Competence of Children

- Child's ability to interact with others, self-regulate and communicate feelings has positive impact on the relationship with the family
- Early identification and support for the child and family is crucial
- Examples
  - Community resource guides and resource fairs
  - Print and web-based resources on social and emotional development
  - Family education sessions and support groups

# General Supports

- Examples that might support activities with all protective factors
  - Translators
  - Transportation
  - Child Care

# Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards

*On the website:*

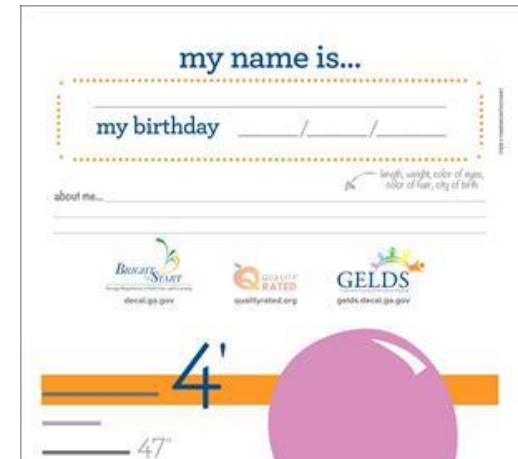
- Developmental standards
- DIY Summer Activity Calendars
- Videos of Standards in Action
- <http://gelds.dec.state.ga.us>



# Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards

- **Fun tools for families available on the E-Store**

- Placemats
- Shopping lists
- Growth charts



- **To place an order go to:**

**<http://custompoint.rrd.com/DECAL>**

**Milestone Moments**

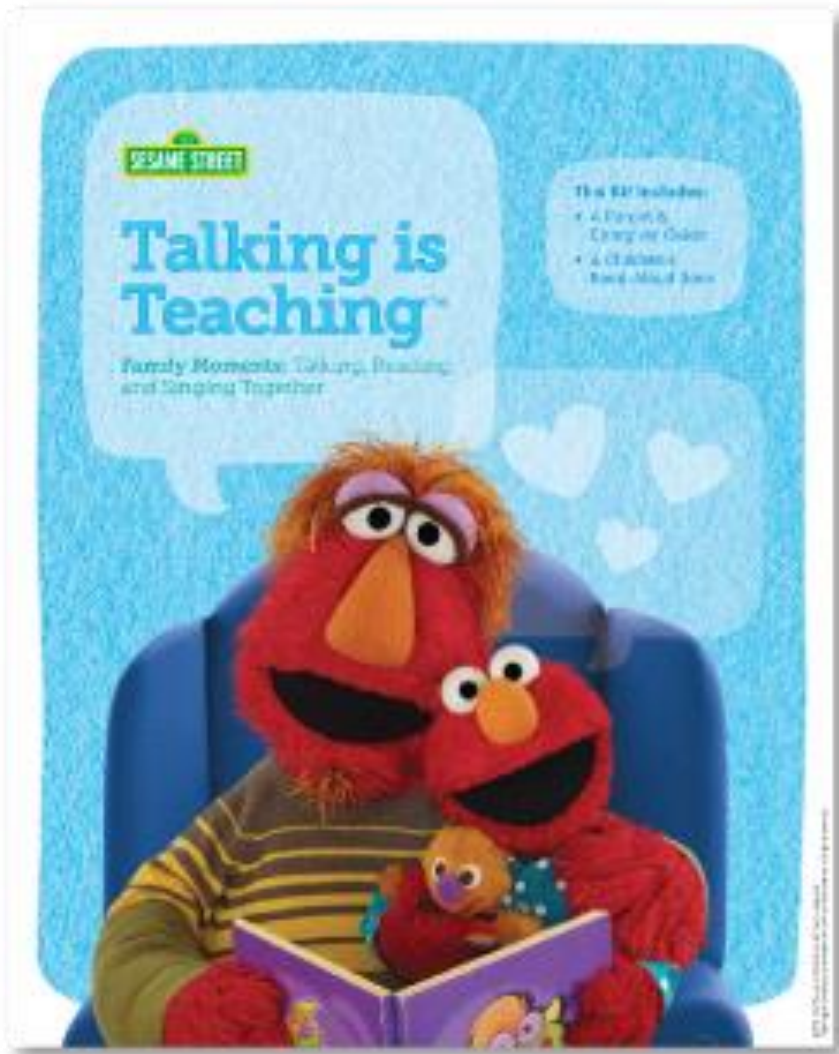
Learn the Signs. Act Early.



You can follow your child's development by watching how he or she plays, learns, speaks, and acts. Look inside for milestones to watch for in your child and how you can help your child learn and grow.

  Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
www.cdc.gov/milestones  
1-800-352-9575

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



[www.sesamestreet.org](http://www.sesamestreet.org)

# Other Resources:

- [www.pbs.org/parents](http://www.pbs.org/parents)
- <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/>
- <http://www.zerotothree.org/>
- <http://www.joinvroom.org/>
- <http://www.noodlesoup.com/>



# Grant Period and Reporting

- The grant period runs from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017.
- Funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis
- Grantees will be required to submit a detailed scope of work outlining deliverables, timeline and cost.
- A mid-year report will be due November 1, 2016 and a year-end final report will be due at the end of April, 2017.

# Timeline and Deliverables

- May include some planning time
- Deliverables should be specific
- Invoices may be submitted no more than once a month
- Invoices must reference completed deliverables and include detail documentation of expenditures

# Application Submission

- Completed applications must be emailed to [Emily.Smith@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:Emily.Smith@dec.al.ga.gov) **no later than 5 p.m. Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.**
- Submissions are limited to **twenty total pages** including appendices. Must be double-spaced and in an 11 point font.
- Grantees will be notified by email on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
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# Questions

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