

# Welcome to the Board of Early Care and Learning

August 16, 2018



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**Approval of Agenda and Minutes** 



Approve 8-16-18 agenda
Approve 5-10-18 minutes
Approve 2-15-18 minutes

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# **Board Member Updates**

Board members report on their recent DECAL-related activities in their districts.



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# **Commissioner's Update**

Amy M. Jacobs Commissioner



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## **Changes in Leadership**



- Upgraded job title of Assistant Commissioner to Deputy Commissioner
  - Deputy Commissioner for Pre-K and Instructional Support
  - Deputy Commissioner for Federal Programs
  - Deputy Commissioner for Child Care Services
- Named Pam Stevens Deputy Commissioner for Child Care Services

#### **Recent Opportunities**



- Georgia Lottery 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, June 20
  - \$19.5 billion for education (HOPE and Pre-K)
  - 1.6 million four year olds served in Pre-K
- Second Annual Governor's Summit on Early Language and Literacy, June 20-21
  - Hosted by Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy, Georgia College
  - Focused on practical, applicable ways to develop language/literacy skills for children from birth to age 8
  - Final summit on early language and literacy of the Deal administration

#### Recent Opportunities, (continued)



- Andrew and Walter Young Family's Summer Learning Day, July 12
  - Hosted by Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network
  - Venue = Andrew and Walter Young Family's YMCA
  - Speakers included reps from Atlanta Public Schools, Atlanta City Council, and young people from the program
  - Focused on importance of providing continued learning opportunities for students



# Finance, Legislative, & Administration Update

Rian Ringsrud Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration



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#### Finance Update – SFY 2018 Summary



Data as of June 30th	Budget	Expenditures*	Remaining Balance	% Remaining
BY PROGRAMS				
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# **Federal Programs Update**

#### Elisabetta Kasfir Deputy Commissioner for Federal Programs



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# **CAPS and TCSG Partnership**

#### Laura Wagner CAPS Family Support Director

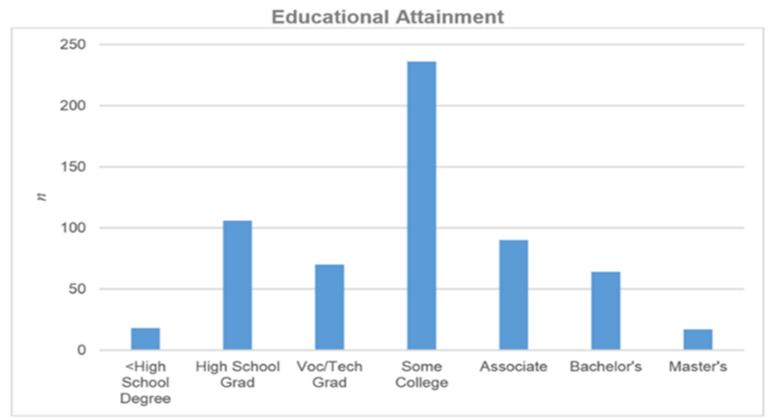


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# Many parents who receive child care assistance in Georgia have some college experience but no degree.



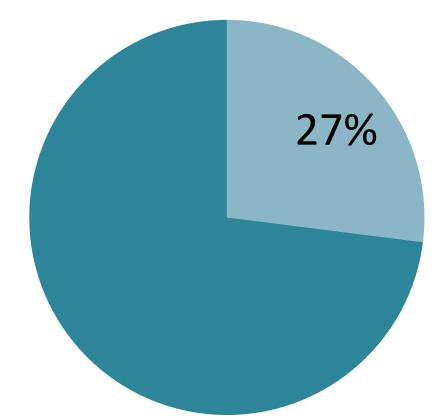


**Source:** GEEARS, Summer 2016, online survey distributed to all CAPS recipients, completed by 602 CAPS recipients

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# In 2015-16, 27% of all students enrolled at TCSG were female students with dependents.



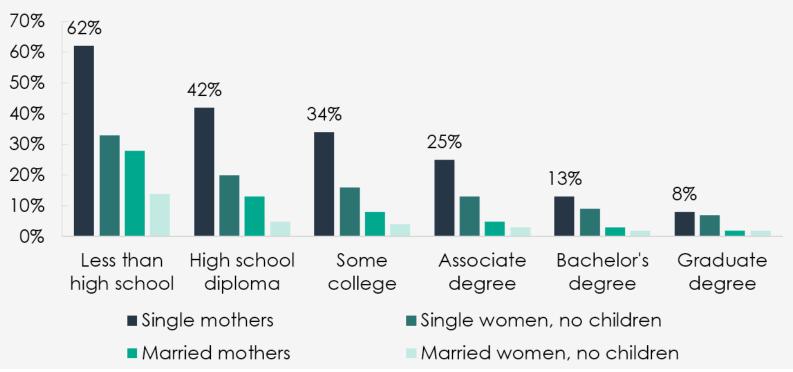


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# Nationally, single mothers with only high school diplomas are more than twice as likely to live in poverty as those with associate degrees.



Poverty Rates by Education Level and Marital and Parent Status among Women Aged 25 and Older, 2015



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#### **DECAL and TCSG Partnership Context**



- Georgia's Parents and Children Thriving Together (PACTT) Grant
- Mutually beneficial focus in supporting student parents
- Agency vision from DECAL and TCSG
- CAPS added pursuit of associate degree to approved activities

#### **Collaborative Kick-Off Meeting**



July 10, 2018 at Georgia Piedmont Technical College

 Preemptive trainings for both TCSG and DECAL CAPS staff took place in April and June, 2018

Primary participants:

- DECAL CAPS Family Support Consultants
- TCSG Student Navigators, and Special Populations / Disability Services Coordinators

#### **DECAL/TCSG Meeting Objectives**



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#### Morning "Take-Aways" from DECAL/TCSG Meeting



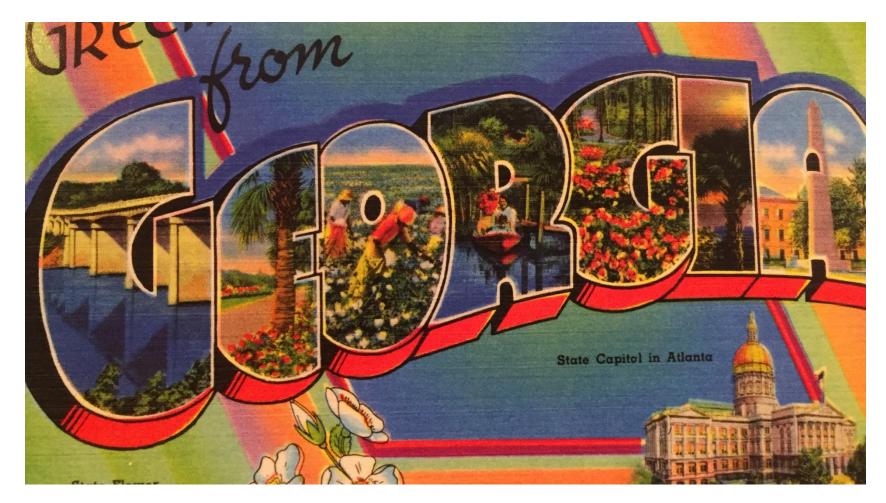
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#### Ticket to Ride...





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## TCSG / DECAL Follow-Up



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Ask parents about their educational goals provide referrals to TCSG.

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## Moving forward...



- CAPS Family Support will require that staff meet with TCSG representatives within their communities
- We envision TCSG Student Navigators and Special Populations Coordinators AND CAPS Family Support Consultants working closely together...
  - Referrals for current students who may be eligible for CAPS
  - Referrals for current CAPS families who may want to enroll in higher educational opportunities at TCSG
- We will track these referrals among families served in both programs



# Head Start State Collaboration Update

#### Allison Setterlind Head Start State Collaboration Director



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#### **HSCO Updates**



- HSCO Grant Application-Five Year Goals
- New Office of Head Start Director
- Special projects



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#### **HSCO Five Year Plan Priorities**



- Support partnership-driven early childhood programs
- 2. Foster statewide data driven innovation
- Promote the development and retention of a capable and professional early care and education workforce
- 4. Reinforce Head Start participation in the state Quality Rated system

#### **HSCO Five Year Plan Priorities**



- 5. Promote transition continuity and sustainable child outcomes for children birth to third grade
- 6. Increase outreach and services for children from special categories of enrollment *(disabilities, foster care, homeless)*
- Identify two-generational opportunities to promote the health and well-being of children and their families

#### **Special Projects**



- School Readiness Initiative
- Licensing Study
- Head Start Leadership Cluster Meetings-Data
- American Academy of Pediatrics Safety & Injury Prevention training



# Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning Update

#### Carrie Ashbee Executive Director



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#### **Fall Fundraisers**

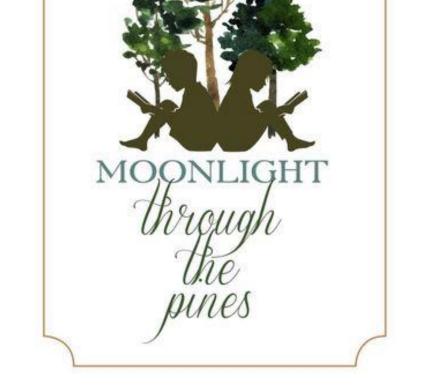




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#### Save the date





#### http://moonlight.gffgrow.org/

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## BREAK

## (10 minutes)

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# System Reform Update

#### Kristin Bernhard Deputy Commissioner of System Reform



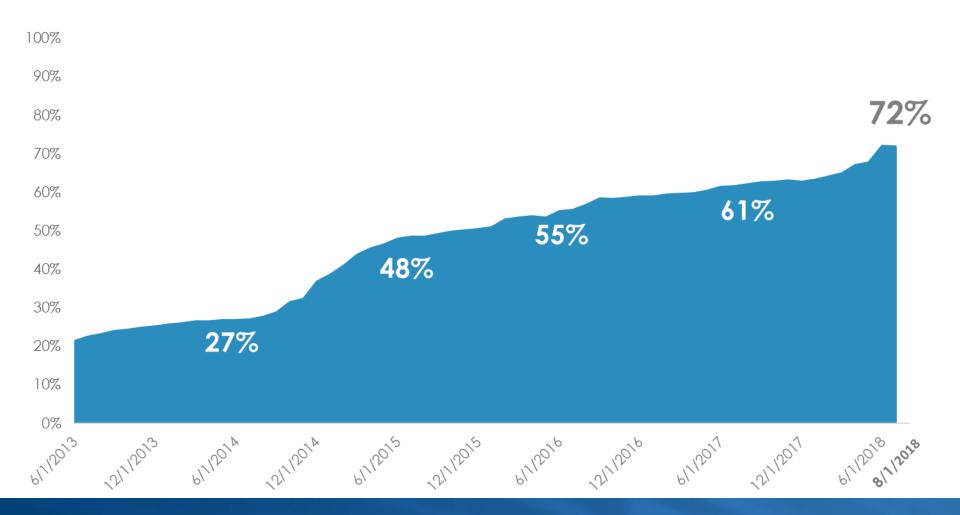
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# As of August 1, 2018...



	Participating	Rated (1-3 stars)
Licensed Family Homes	58%	25%
Licensed Centers	80%	37%
All Eligible Programs	72%	33%

#### 72% of eligible programs are currently Participating in Quality Rated. Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning



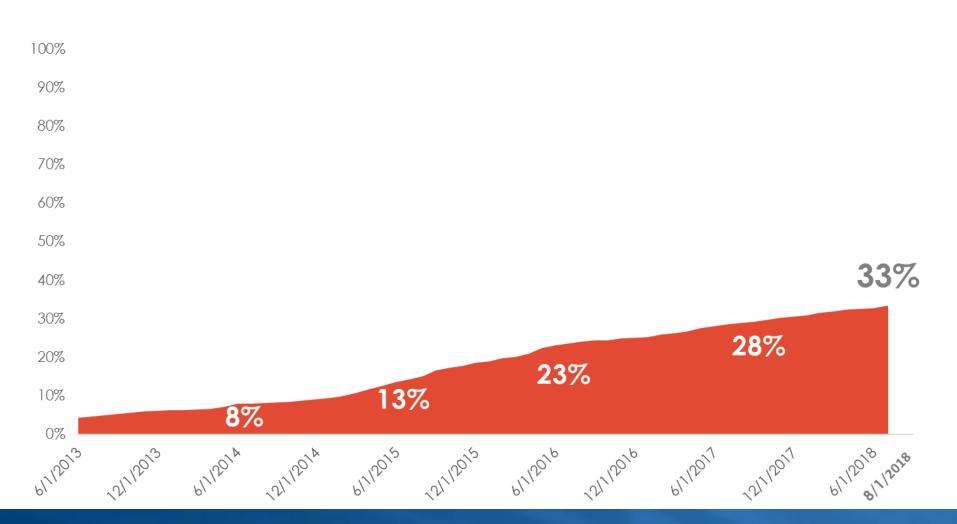
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## 33% of eligible programs are currently Quality Rated.

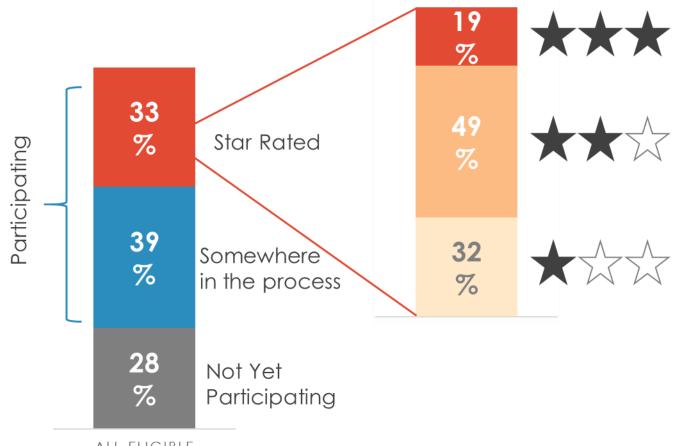




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# Of the **4,825** Eligible programs in Georgia, **1,595** are Star Rated.





ALL ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS

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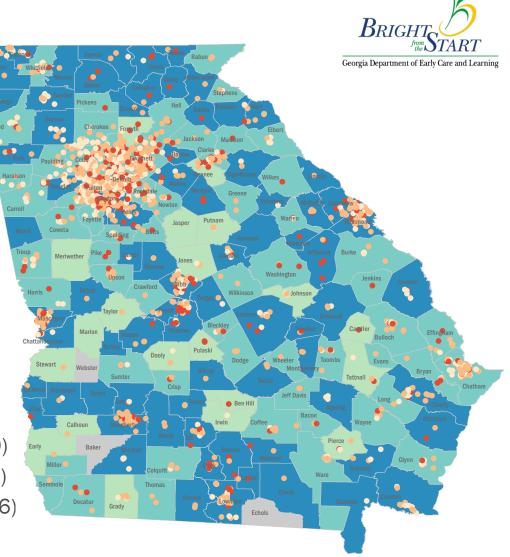
### QUALITY RATED July 2, 2018 Rated Facilities & County Participation Rates

#### Quality Rating (count of facilities rated)

- 1 Star (506)
- 2 Star (758)
- 3 Star (296)



- 0% (3)
- 1% 25% (0)
- 26% 50% (20)
- 51% 75% (60)
- 76% 100% (76)



All Quality Rated eligible child care programs must be one, two, or three star rated by **December 31, 2020** in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).





- In-person Q&A Sessions
- YouTube Videos
- CAPS Billing Portal
- Social Media Blitz
- Webinars

## Out of all children receiving CCDF Subsidy, how many are in a rated or participating program?







47% are in Quality Rated Programs.

93% are in Participating Programs.

Georgia has been piloting different forms of Quality Rated Subsidy Grants (QRSG) since 2015.



- Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge
  - 33 providers
  - 500 slots
  - Children from Birth-Three
- Today's Model: Child Care and Development Fund







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### **Current Quality Rated Subsidy Grant Model**









- Annual grant to a high quality child care center for non-portable slots for children ages 0-4 from families who are subsidyeligible
- Leverages Pre-K online portal for roster reporting and payment.
- Child care programs must:
  - Have a 2 or 3 star Quality Rated star rating.
  - Have a licensed capacity of 50 or more.
  - Have a Georgia's Pre-K classroom.
  - Already serve families who receive child care subsidy.
  - Be located in targeted counties.
  - Score well on a competitive grant application.
  - Lower ratios in QRSG classrooms.

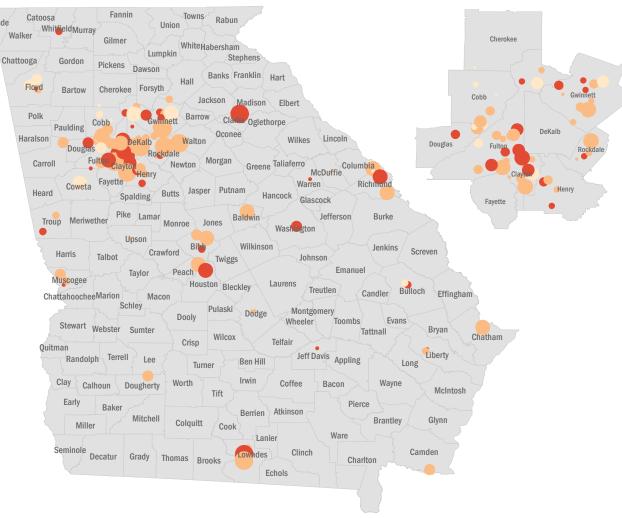
# Reach of the QRSG

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2,700 Funded Slots121 Centers

1-Star	• 2-Star	<ul> <li>3-Star</li> </ul>	QRSG Awarded Slots (count of providers) 10 - 13 (35)
		•	14 - 20 (31)
			21-26 (25)
			27 - 36 (20)
			37 - 50 (10)



### How do families find open QRSG slots?



### Call 1-877-ALL-GAKIDS

Families must:

- Have a child from six weeks of age to Pre-K eligibility
- Need full-time child care
- Meet CAPS Scholarship income requirements
- Meet CAPS Scholarship activity requirements
- Apply on-site at the child care program with a QRSG

Families pay no additional fees.







### Data and Evaluation of QRSG Model



- Voices from the Field: Providers' Experiences with Implementing DECAL's Quality Rated Subsidy Grant Pilot Program
  - May 2017 Evaluation by Child Trends of RTT-ELC Quality Rated Subsidy Grants
  - <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/VoicesFromtheFiel</u> <u>d.pdf</u>
- Currently developing evaluation model with DECAL's Research & Policy team & Georgia State University



Brett Copeland Assistant Director, Child Care, Central Georgia Technical College





Central Georgia Technical College. Macon Telegraph - File photo

LOCAL

You and your toddler can get an education at Georgia technical college

BY NADIA PRESSLEY npressley@macon.com

# **Student Body & Childcare Need**

- 94% of students are served on Macon or Warner Robins campuses
- These campuses have on-campus lab schools that provide affordable, quality childcare.
- 20% of students report being single mothers\*
- Student surveys report unaffordable childcare as a barrier to completing post-secondary credentials

# **CGTC Child Development Centers**

Warner Robins

Five classrooms:



- 2 Georgia Pre-K
- 1 Georgia Pre-K Inclusion
- 1 Preschool (3-4 year olds)
- 1 Preschool (2.5-3 year olds)

Macon

Two classrooms:

1 Georgia Pre-K

1 Preschool (3-4 year olds)

### **Two Generations of Learning**

SO, YOU ARE SAYING THE MACON EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER NOW HAS A 3-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL?

> - That's right! And they are looking for little Titans like YOU.

NOW ENROLLING! Phone: 478–757–3492 Email: childcare@centralgatech.edu

### **Getting the Word Out**

#### **CGTC Early Childhood** Learning Center | Macon Campus

CGTC'S Early Childhood Learning Center is expanding! The Center is now providing opportunities for children to enroll in the College's Quality Rated 3-year-old Preschool program. Enrollment is also available for the lottery-funded Georgia Pre-K Program to children who will be four years old by September 1st of the 2018-2019 school year.

For more information, please contact: BRETT COPELAND | Assistant Director, Childcare € 478-757-3492 Scopeland@centralgatech.edu

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#### **TUITION AND FEES**

CHARGE SUMMARY	STANDARD RATES	PELL-ELIGIBLE CGTC STUDENT	
Registration Fee	\$75 per year	\$65 per year	
Preschool* (3yrs to Pre-K eligible)	\$130 per week	\$83 per week	
Georgia Pre-K** (8:00 AM to 2:30 PM)	Lottery Funded	Lottery Funded	
Pre-K Extended Care (7:15 AM to 8:00 AM; 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM)	\$65 per week	\$55 per week	
Pre-K In-service Care (when Pre-K is closed; Reservations Required	\$26 per day	\$18 per day	
Late Payment Fee	\$10 per week (All Students)		
Late Pickup Fee	\$10 per 15 minutes late (All Students)		

hool students MUST be 3 years old by the time of enrollment and can participate in the program at anytime during the year. "Georgia Pre-K students MUST be 4 years old by September 1st of the 2018-2019 school year

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#### Ways We Can Help



CAPS

Are you a working parent also enrolled in college? Do you need a solution to affordable childcare? If so, we can help you! The Quality Rated Subsidy Grant (QRSG) and Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) are both programs that can help support you as you learn and begin working. See information below regarding requirements. For more details, please contact:

HOUSEHOLD

BRETT COPELAND | Assistant Director, Childcare 🔮 478-757-3492 🔤 bcopeland@centralgatech.edu

#### INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Household income includes earned (salary, wages) and unearned (interest, disability and social security benefits, alimony, child support) income for all members of your household.

Already used CAPS? You may still qualify for QRSG. Call us today!

SIZ	E	(ANNUAL INCOME MAXIMUM*)	(ANNUAL INCOME MAXIMUM*)
2		\$24,027	\$22,400
3		\$29,677	\$28,160
4	1	\$35,330	\$33,920
5		\$40,982	\$39,680
6		\$46,635	\$45,400
7		\$47,695	\$51,200
8		\$48,755	\$56,960
9		\$49,815	\$62,720
10		\$50,875	\$68,480

QRSG

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#### ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

Each parent in the household must engage in at least 24 hours of state approved activity (usually work or school) each week. CAPS and QRSG share many of the same approved activities-however, there are some differences.





# Georgia's Pre-K Program and Instructional Supports Update

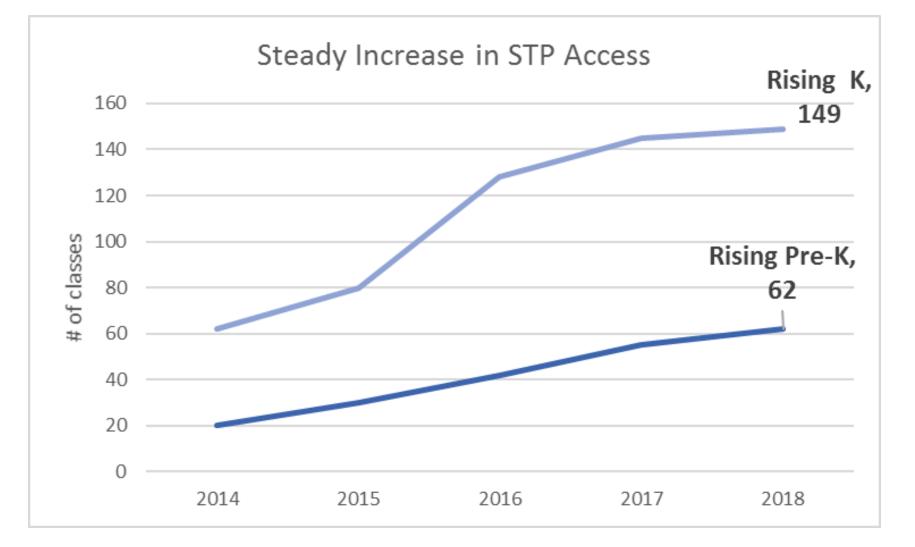
### Susan Adams Deputy Commissioner of Pre-K and Instructional Supports



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### **Summer Transition Program**





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### Summer Transition Program Supporting Diverse Families





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### Summer Transition Program Supporting Diverse Families



*"Today we celebrated our Summer"* Transition Program coming to an end. Each family was encouraged to bring a traditional dishes from their native countries. We have families from Honduras, Mexico, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. We received **100% participation** from our classroom families...The Summer Transition Program has been a wonderful experience for students, families, and staff, thank you for the opportunity to host a STP classroom at our school."

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Kids 'R Kids, Marietta

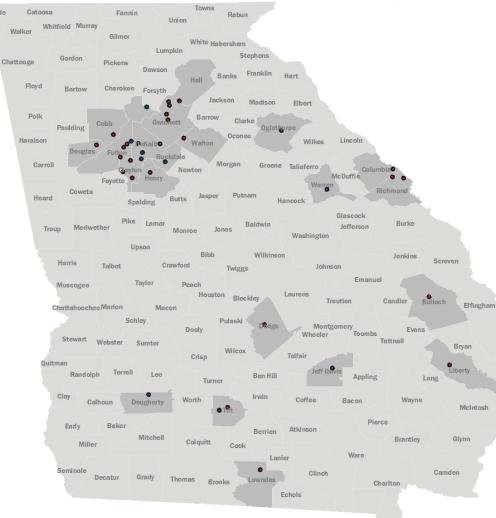
### 2018 – 2019 School Year

- Slots: 84,000
- % of four year olds served: 60%
- Classes: Approximately 3,900





### Early Language and Literacy Grants Increasing Access to High Quality Care





2017: 16 programs, 50 classes2018: 36 programs, 129 total classes

- 35 continuation classes
- 13 expansion classes

81 new classes

- Fall 2018 Expansion
  - 15 additional child care center classrooms funded in partnership with the Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy
  - Expansion of the model into Family Child Care Learning Homes

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# Georgia's CCDF Research Grant: Phase Two

### Bentley Ponder, Ph.D. Senior Director of Research and Policy



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### **Grant Details**

- DECAL received a CCDF Research and Evaluation Planning Grant (Phase One) in 2016.
- In 2018, four states were
   awarded Phase Two Grants to
   conduct the research identified
   in Phase One.
- Grant is for \$1,000,000 over four years.
- Georgia's Phase Two focus is for research relating to infant and toddler supports.











# Why Infant & Toddler Early Education Services?



- Little research has been done in this area (compared to other age groups).
- Critical need to improve supports for infant & toddler services.
- State leaders have prioritized the creation of a seamless, high-quality education pipeline.
- Aligns with other DECAL projects and initiatives.

### Research Themes

Quality

Access

Workforce



- For classrooms in providing highquality infant & toddler care.
- For the workforce to increase credentials and education.

Better Understanding

Barriers

For families in accessing highquality infant & toddler care.

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### Theme 1:

<u>Quality</u> of infant & toddler classrooms



### **Proposed Research Focus**



- Understanding the barriers to quality.
- Identifying the resources to mediate those barriers.
- Developing strategies to provide high-quality infant & toddler care at the classroom level.

### **Classroom Quality Project:**

Synthesize current research and measure new and expanded models of classroom supports.

### Theme 2:

Infant & toddler <u>workforce</u>

### **Proposed Research Focus**



- Understanding the current barriers to a strong workforce.
- Identifying the supports needed to mediate those barriers.

### **Workforce Projects:**

- Conduct Landscape Analysis of Infant & Toddler Credentials.
- Create and Distribute Infant & Toddler Workforce Survey.

### Theme 3:

<u>Access</u> to highquality care

### **Proposed Research Focus**



- Determining the barriers parents face when seeking infant & toddler care.
- Identifying the supports needed to mediate those barriers.

### **Access Projects:**

- Use administrative data to measure access to infant & toddler care.
- Create and conduct surveys/focus groups with families around access.

### Goals of the Grant



- Findings from this research will be used to:
  - Raise the overall quality of Georgia's infant & toddler classrooms.
  - Identify better ways to support the workforce and thereby improve the quality of teaching instruction in Georgia's infant & toddler classrooms.
  - Increase access to high-quality infant & toddler classrooms especially for families with complex needs or who would be eligible for child care subsidies.
  - Expand DECAL's research capacity and research to policy alignment.



# **Child Care Services Update**



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### Rule Revisions – Public Hearing/Vote



- Updates to Criminal Records Check rules
- Purpose: To align with federal CCDF requirements and related state legislation
- Proposed Implementation Date: October 1st

### **Key Revisions**



- "Local" records checks no longer sufficient to be employed in a child care facility.
- At minimum, everyone must have a satisfactory Fingerprint-based Records Check Determination issued by DECAL.
- Fingerprint requirements apply to all employees, regardless of age.
  - Exception= Residents, required for age 17 and older

### Key Revisions, con't.



- Provisional Employee = person with a valid and current satisfactory Fingerprint-based Records Check Determination
- All Provisional Employees must be supervised at all times by someone with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination.
- All Directors and Employees are required to have a valid and current Comprehensive Records Check Determination.





- Clearance letter is not portable if an individual has had a break in service from the child care industry of 180 days (six months) or longer.
- Clearance letters issued by DECAL are only portable to a new facility if it is transferred <u>electronically.</u>
- An employee who has lived outside of Georgia in the past five years may work with a satisfactory Fingerprint-based Records Check Determination if supervised at all times by someone with a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination.

### **Permission to Revise Rules**



- Revisions to require providers to complete routine DECAL KOALA updates
- Elements may include:
  - Rates- To facilitate CAPS scholarship recipient enrollment
  - Enrollment data (i.e., updates to vacancies)
- Target implementation: July 2019



### **Lunch** (Pick up in Entry Area)

# **Committee Meetings**

Programs – Oak Budget/Finance – Willow System Reform – Cypress

(The public is welcome to attend/observe committee meetings but may not participate in the committee's discussion.)



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# **Public Hearing**

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### **Committee Reports**



- Budget/Finance
- Programs
- System Reform

### **Board Action on:**



### Rules and Regulations for Family Child Care Learning Homes, Rule Chapter 290-2-3

Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.03 Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.04 Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.07 Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.14 Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.15 Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.21

### **Board Action on:**



### Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers, Rule Chapter 591-1-1

Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.02 Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.09 Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.13 Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.29 Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.31 Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.38 Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.38





# Rules and Regulations for Support Centers, Rule Chapter 591-3-1

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