

## Changes to Georgia's Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five (PDG B-5)

Georgia requested to receive \$4,170,484 of federal funding in its PDG B-5 application. In order to allow for more states to be funded, the grant administrators (U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Education) offered to fund many states at a lower-than-requested rate, including Georgia. Georgia was ultimately awarded **\$2,961,044** in federal funding.

Georgia revised its budget to accommodate this award amount. Georgia's strategy for revising the budget focused on maintaining the funds necessary to complete the primary intents of the grant: Conducting a Needs Assessment (Activity 1) and Developing a Strategic Plan (Activity 2). To maintain sufficient funds for these activities, Georgia reduced the scope of Activities 3 and 4 and eliminated funds for Activity 5 and the Evaluation. These changes are summarized below.

- Activity 1: Reduced funds.
  - Based on current contract negotiations, the cost for Data and Research Support Services is less than estimated.
- Activity 2: No changes.
- Activity 3: Reduced funds.
  - The scope of work for this activity was revised to better align with the grant timeline.
  - Reduce Web Portal Design Services. The focus of Year 1 will be the collection and analysis of data to better understand family needs regarding access and availability of early learning programs. After Year 1 of PDG B-5, enhancements will be made to the website based on family feedback with subsequent PDG B-5 funds or other federal and state funds.
  - Reduce copy of Family Ambassador Program. Family ambassadors will still be identified statewide and trained during Year 1 of PDG B-5. Originally, the Family Ambassadors were to be trained in both the Early Education Training Academy and the Satcher Safe and Secure Families trainings. Existing funds have been identified to conduct the Early Education Training Academy during Year 1 of PDG. However, the Satcher Safe and Secure Families "train the trainer" and statewide scale-up of the training will be conducted with subsequent PDG B-5 funds or other federal and state funds after completion of Year 1.
- Activity 4: Reduced funds.
  - The number of communities served was reduced from twelve to six.
  - This reduction allows for Early Learning Leadership Collaboratives to be conducted in each of Georgia's six regions while meeting the revised budget.
- Activity 5: Eliminated funds for this activity.
  - Activity will be conducted in Years 2-5 of PDG B-5.
- Evaluation: Eliminated funds for this activity.
  - Funds from Activity 1 can support evaluation of PDG B-5 activities. In addition, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (the lead state agency) has an existing Research and Policy Analysis team to support ongoing evaluation.