



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning



Exemptions Newsletter Spring 2019



Monitoring and Enforcement for License-exempt Providers Receiving CAPS Subsidy

All providers who participate in Childcare and Parent



Services (CAPS) are required to meet certain health and safety requirements. Because CAPS Scholarships are funded by the federal Child Care Development Block Grant Fund, DECAL is responsible to monitor programs to ensure that children receiving these scholarships are enrolled in environments evaluated for health and safety. Each site location of License-exempt providers receiving CAPS subsidies will receive a

monitoring visit to evaluate compliance with health and safety standards after enrollment in the CAPS program and once per federal fiscal year thereafter. Program directors should ensure that site location staff receive this information and are prepared for these visits.

License-exempt providers must provide care that meets state health and safety standards as reflected in the health and safety monitoring checklist. Health and safety standards for license-exempt providers will be enforced in an appropriate and progressive manner depending on the type, severity, and number of violations with the goal of guiding programs into compliance with the health and safety requirements. Repeated findings of noncompliance may result in additional enforcement actions. Health and safety enforcement actions issued by CAPS include the following:

1. Technical Assistance
2. Citation with a Plan of improvement
3. Warning letter
4. Plan of corrective action
5. Office conference
6. Enforcement fine
7. Dismissal
8. Disqualification

In situations where an enforcement action requires follow-up by the provider (e.g., corrective action plan, fine payment), a due date will be imposed. [Click here](#) to download and read the CAPS Policies and Procedures. Only licensed child care programs and license-exempt programs that are government owned and operated or day camps may accept CAPS scholarships. Participation in CAPS to provide scholarships for eligible families is an important component in supporting communities and is appreciated.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Exemption Requirements

Are you in compliance?

Exempt programs must determine the local and state agencies that have jurisdiction for the facility and become familiar with their requirements. It may be city, county, or state authority, depending on the site location. Examples of agencies that have jurisdiction include **Fire Marshal**,



zoning, building, and health regulations, business license and/or requirements that will apply to the facility. It is the exempt program's responsibility to secure the appropriate approvals needed for the facility from these agencies.

All programs are required to obtain all local and state agencies' approval to remain eligible for DECAL exemption approval. This information is monitored at sampling visits conducted to ensure compliance with exemption approval rules and regulations.



The Seventh Georgia Farm to School and Early Care and Education Summit

When: June 7-8

Where: Helms College in Macon, GA

The farm to early care and education (farm to ECE) and farm to school movement connects early care providers, schools, and local farms in an effort to serve healthy meals and snacks, improve student nutrition, and increase farm and gardening educational opportunities. This year's Summit welcomes early care providers and staff, teachers, school nutrition staff, students, parents, farmers, distributors, and others interested in learning more about Georgia's farm to ECE and farm to school community.

Registration is open NOW.

[Click for Registration](#)

Inclusion Services

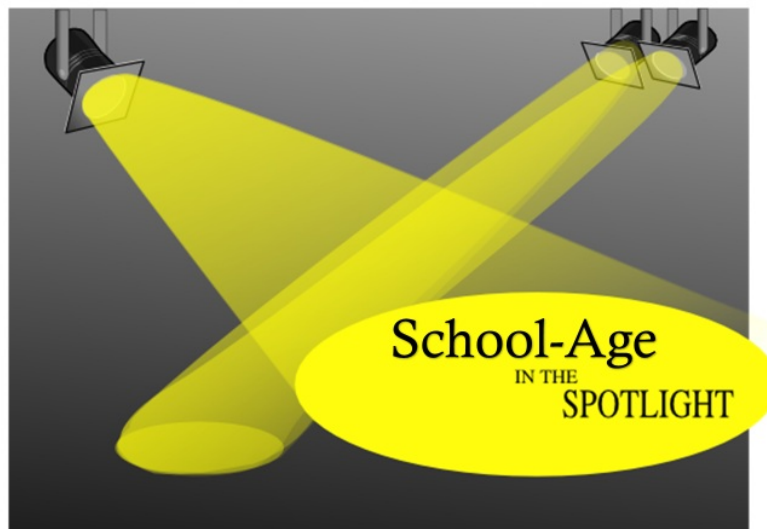
Inclusion of children with disabilities in These resources and supports include,

supportive early childhood settings has been shown to benefit children with and without disabilities, families and the community. The [Inclusive Child Care booklet](#) is designed to provide information and resources to help child care providers successfully include children with disabilities in their early care and learning programs.

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning offers supports for inclusion through a team of regionally based Inclusion Specialists. Inclusion Specialists provide a variety of resources, strategies and supports to programs, classrooms, and the community.

but are not limited to: Bright from the Start approved training and Intensive Professional Development designed to empower child care providers, early learning professionals, families, and communities to identify and utilize resources, services, and supports to ensure that all children are successfully included in early care and learning environments.

They also work to promote and increase inclusive child care options for children with disabilities and their families in their communities. The team can be reached at 1-833-354-HELP or Inclusion@dec.al.ga.gov.



Welcome to "School-Age in the Spotlight!" Here you will find a wealth of information pertaining to your school-age children.

Preparing Children to Thrive: Standards for Social and Emotional Learning Practices in School-Age Settings is designed to help providers see clearly what social and emotional learning (SEL) among children (ages 5-13) would look like and feel like in real program settings.

Click on the button below to download a copy of **Preparing Children to Thrive: Standards for Social and Emotional Learning Practices in School-Age Settings**

[Click for more Information](#)

[Upcoming Events & Professional Development Opportunities!](#)

**Save
the
Date**



**Afterschool and Youth Development (ASYD)
Quality Standards:**

July 10, 2019 - Anderson Conference Center – Macon,

GA)

**Incorporating Health & Physical Activity into Programming (ASYD Quality
Element #5):**

September 12, 2019 – Rainwater Conference Center- Valdosta, GA

Registration for these workshops will open two months prior to the date of the
event.

Click for more info on Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network

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