



Exemptions Newsletter - Summer 2020



Dear Day Camp Providers,

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is committed to supporting day camp providers during the COVID-19 public health emergency. DECAL recognizes the vital role that providers, including their teaching staff, play in the support of Georgia's children and families, especially during a public health crisis. DECAL also recognizes the important role of the child care industry in the economic stability of the state.

Governor Brian P. Kemp issued an Executive Order on May 28, 2020 that pertains to day camp programs. The Executive Order can be found at <https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2020-executive-orders> and must be implemented by all open and reopening day camp programs beginning June 1, 2020 to July 12, 2020.

**Executive Order - Day
Camps**

**Camp Decision Tree to
Open**

**GA Dept of
Health**

**Guidance for Day
Camp Settings**

**CDC
Website**



License Exempt Virtual Visits

Our nation and state are facing unprecedented times. As you are aware, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is mandated to carry out the duties, responsibilities and functions of monitoring programs participating with CAPS, even during a public health emergency.

In lieu of conducting on-site inspections, Exemptions Specialists have initiated

virtual visiting processes that began May 4, 2020. To initiate this Administrative Review process, CCS Exemption Specialists will begin communicating with providers to request certain documents to demonstrate compliance with standards, regulations, and the Executive Order.

The Exemptions Specialist will provide details on the processes of the visit to ensure compliance with Health and Safety Standards, Exemptions regulations, and compliance with Governor Brian K. Kemp's Executive Order.

Pool Safely is a national public education campaign that works with partners around the country to reduce child drownings and entrapments in swimming pools and spas. **Safer Water Information Match - S.W.I.M. How can we help you save a life?**

[Click here or below for more information.](#)



More Information and Resources



As the Fulton County Library System remains closed amid concerns around COVID-19, library staff continues to provide services to all patrons through their digital library, social media channels and "Ask A Librarian" online tool, all available from the Library website, www.fulcolibrary.org.

[Click here](#) to find your local library system for virtual activities.

How to Help Your Kids Handle Disappointment

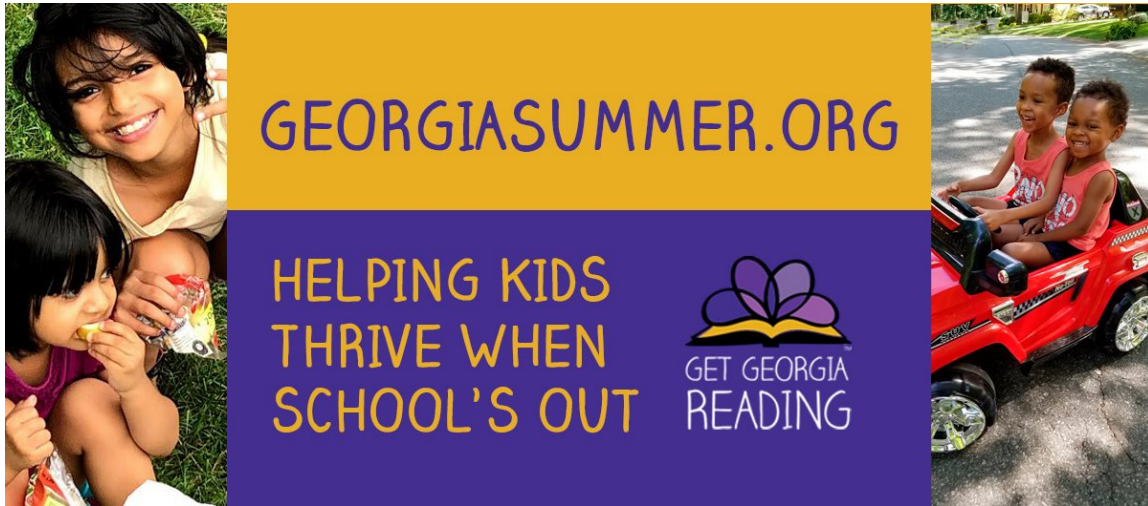
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Among the many painful effects of the coronavirus pandemic on children is the distress of losing the chance to participate in important events — sports playoffs, significant birthdays, school plays and graduations, or that big family trip to Disney World.

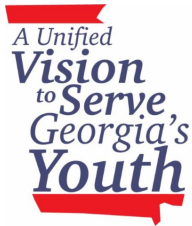
As the crisis goes on, even missing out on regular day-to-day activities, like sleepovers or going out for pizza, continues to be upsetting for many kids. And with summer on the horizon and kids wondering whether camp and other activities will be possible, the situation is getting tougher. Adults are going through some of the same kinds of difficulties, but they often have plenty of experience processing such challenges. Kids, on the other hand, may be experiencing these intense emotions for the first time.

Click below to read more on tools for coping with disappointment during the coronavirus crisis.

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Training Opportunities



Georgia Afterschool
& Youth Development
Initiative

A collaboration between GSAN & GUIDE, Inc.

2020 Georgia ASYD Conference Update

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Georgia Afterschool & Youth Development Conference has been rescheduled in order to prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of our participants and the communities they serve.

Save the date for the next Georgia Afterschool & Youth Development Conference to be held on **September 8-10, 2021** at The Classic Center in Athens, GA!

ASYD 2020 Webinar Series

The Georgia ASYD Initiative is committed to providing support to afterschool and youth development professionals during this challenging time. Each month, a designated theme featuring several relevant webinars led by content experts.

- **June – Mental Health**
- **July – STEAM**
- **August – Service Learning**
- **September – Mentoring**

Registration is now open for our June webinars! Stay tuned as we release information about subsequent webinars!

**Visit our
Website**

Activities

Planning for summer just got a whole lot easier. The Summer Activity Guide is a suite of fun and engaging activities and challenges for school-age children designed specifically for this atypical summer and the first batch is here!

The Summer Activity Guide has been developed for the 50 State Afterschool Network with leadership from the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network to engage and support children and youth nationwide. Resources will be released gradually over the next 10 weeks. Learn more at: www.summeractivityguide.org!



GIANT OUTDOOR PAPER PLATE Memory Game

Giant Outdoor Memory Game

Making a memory game from paper plates is easy, and playing with this paper plate memory game is fun!

You can play outdoors, if the weather permits, or take it inside too! This game is great for developing visual memory skills. [Click here](#) for additional instructions.

Straw Weaving Bracelets

Here's What You Need For Straw Weaving:

- Straws
- Scissors
- Yarn in Different Colors
- Tape

Click the picture for all the fun details and instructions.

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Did you Know?



Georgia Dept
of Early Care
and Learning
BRIGHT FROM THE START

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Child Care Services Exemptions Unit
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