

Appendix 1: Letter from the Governor



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Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

October 4, 2019

The Honorable Alex M. Azar, Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Azar,

As Governor of Georgia, I am submitting the attached proposal in response to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Request for Applications for the *Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant*. With this letter, I commit that my administration supports the work proposed in this application that will impact Georgia's young children, their families, and ultimately, the future of our state.

Georgia is one of only a three states with a department of state government – Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) – whose job is to ensure that ALL children in the state receive high quality early learning experiences in safe and healthy environments when in out-of-home child care. I wholeheartedly support the extraordinary programs and services that DECAL provides to Georgia's citizens.

In 2018 Georgia applied for and received the initial *PDG B-5* for which DECAL served as the Lead Agency. DECAL is well underway implementing the projects and activities proposed in that original grant application. Funding from this renewal grant will allow DECAL to complete the work it has begun as well as fulfill the additional requirements of the renewal grant.

Because of DECAL's experience effectively collaborating with public and private entities on behalf of children and families; administering and blending federal, state, and philanthropic funding streams; and maintaining a stellar reputation for customer service when dealing with families, child care providers, school systems, stakeholders, lawmakers, and the public, DECAL will continue to serve as the Lead Agency for the renewal grant.

As in the original grant application, the projects and activities in this proposal will focus on our state's most vulnerable children and families. Granting Georgia this renewed funding will enable our state to continue building and refining a coordinated system of early care and education that supports children's success in school and beyond.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of Georgia's application.

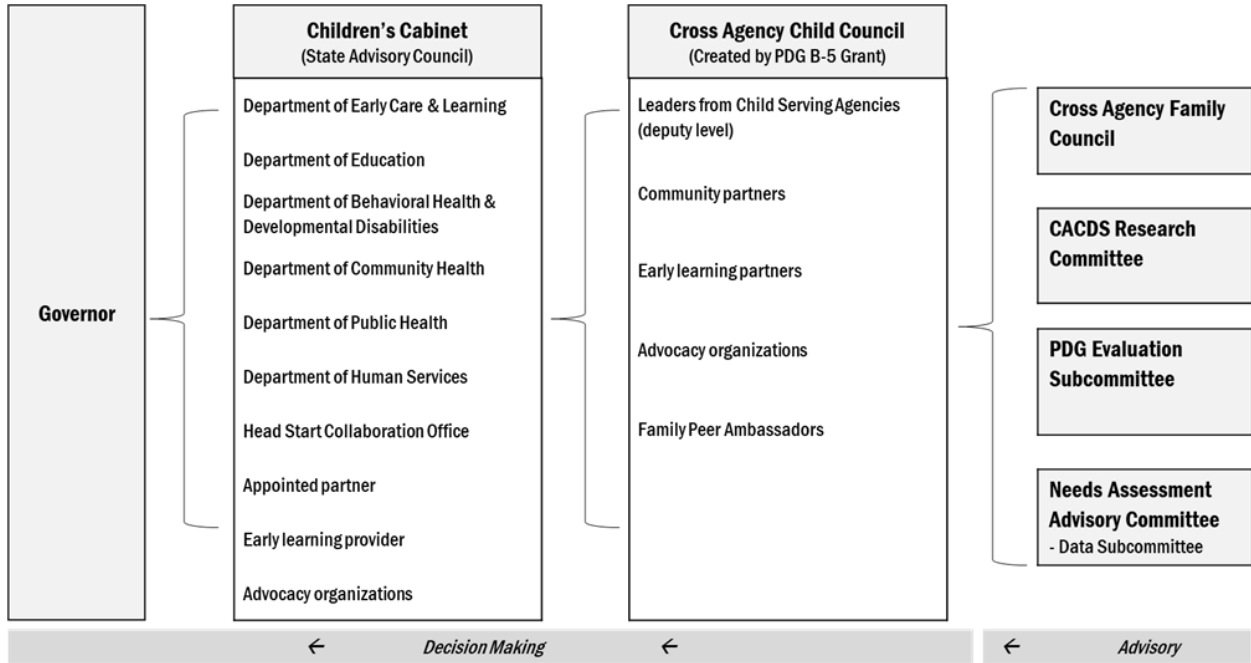
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Kemp".

Brian P. Kemp
Governor

Appendix 2: Organizational Charts

Organizational Chart of Partnering Entities



Organizational Chart of DECAL

