

Pre-K Program Updates

August 9, 2013

Agenda

- FY2013 Closeout
- FY2014 Program Updates
- Guideline Changes
- Beginning of the School Year Resources
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FY 2013 Close Out

- Reconciliation Reports:
 - Completed in PANDA
 - Private programs due: August 31, 2013
 - Public programs due: September 30, 2013
 - No carryover of funds to FY 2014

- FY13 Technology Funds:
 - Separate paper reconciliation, not included in FY 2013 Reconciliation Report

- FY13 Classroom Refurbishment Funds:
 - Reconcile in FY13 Reconciliation Report

- Questions: jackie.shivers@dec.al.ga.gov, 770-357-4921

Pre-K Quality Study: Key Findings

- Children exhibited **significant growth** during their Pre-K year in language, literacy, math, and behavioral skills. This shows that Pre-K is focusing on all the skills that children need as they enter Kindergarten.
- As a universal program, Georgia's Pre-K Program can offer a **beneficial experience** for all children, regardless of their income.
- Overall, these findings clearly support that Georgia's Pre-K Program enhances skills that help prepare children for Kindergarten.

Pre-K by the Numbers FY2014

- Providers: 867
- Sites: 1,804
- Classes: 3,822*
- Slots Funded: 84,000*
- Slots Allocated: 84,084*

*Additional classes may be awarded depending on data and availability of funding.

Updates for 2013-2014

- Increase in 10 instructional days – 180 for children and 188 for teachers
- No change in class size of 22 students
- New and expansion classes awarded

2013-2014 Days of Service

- 180 Instructional Days or equivalent hours
 - 1170 hours of instruction
 - No waivers for instructional hours
- 8 Teacher Professional Development/ Planning Days
 - 3 days minimum
 - Must request a waiver if operating less than 8 planning days
 - Must meet lead and assistant teacher minimum salary
 - Lead Teacher 90% minimum
 - Assistant Teacher 100%
- For questions or to request a waiver for planning days, contact your assigned consultant.

Guideline Changes

- **Section 2.5** PeachCare for Kids is no longer acceptable for determination of Category One status.
- **Section 4.1** A curricula review will be conducted beginning in August. Expected completion of review will be November 2013.
- **Section 5.3** Approval is not required for technology items included in the *Basic Equipment, Materials, and Supplies Inventory List (Appendix H)*.

Guideline Changes

- **Section 12.6** A teacher credential waiver process is available for lead teachers only.
- **Section 18.6** Programs will be charged \$75 for each roster submitted with a child listed who is not actively enrolled and present in the classroom within the 10 school days period prior to the count date. Continued instances of such reporting will result in a graduated increase of \$25 per roster error.

Beginning of the School Year Resources

- Project Director Resource Page
- *Off to a Good Start* Lesson Planning Guide
- GELDS Resources

Project Director Resource Page

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/Prek/ProjectDirectors.aspx>



The screenshot shows the Project Director Resource Page on the Bright from the Start website. The page features a navigation menu with options like Home, About Us, Pre-K, Child Care, Nutrition, Head Start, and Quality Initiatives. A sidebar on the left lists various resources, including Pre-K Main, Program Updates, 20 Year Anniversary, About Pre-K, Book List, Call List, Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), Contact Pre-K, Content Standards, Creating a Quality Learning Environment, Early Learning Challenge, Enrolling in Pre-K, Families, FAQ, Georgia Reads Aloud, Newsletters, Operating Guidelines, Professional Development Registry, and Project Directors. The main content area is titled "Project Directors" and includes a search bar, a description of the role, a list of 15 resources, and a "Back to School Resource List" section with tabs for Documents and Recorded Webinars. A right sidebar contains a "Facility Health, Safety & Quality Reports" section with a "View Now" button and an "At Your Service..." section with a list of links and a dropdown menu.

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Project Directors

Project directors are responsible for appropriately implementing Georgia's Pre-K Program. Many resources are available on this website to assist directors in effectively managing their program and in making quality improvements to the Pre-K classroom.

As you begin a new Pre-K year, we have put together a list of important items and/or documents that will help you get started and set the stage for a smooth school year.

Back to School Resource List:

1. Operating Guidelines
2. Teacher Orientation and Parent Orientation Tips
3. Pre-K Parent Orientation Video
4. Student File Checklist (see document below)
5. Training Descriptions (see document below)
6. Back to School Newsletter
7. Pre-K Family Handbook
8. Off to a Good Start
9. Lesson Plan Templates
10. GELDS Website and GELDS Printable Documents
11. GELDS Pre-K Administrator Webinar
12. GELDS Pre-K Teacher Webinar
13. WSO Webinar
14. WSO/GELDS Correlations (see document below)
15. Behavior Management Form

Documents Recorded Webinars

Student File Checklist
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Off to a Good Start Lesson Plans

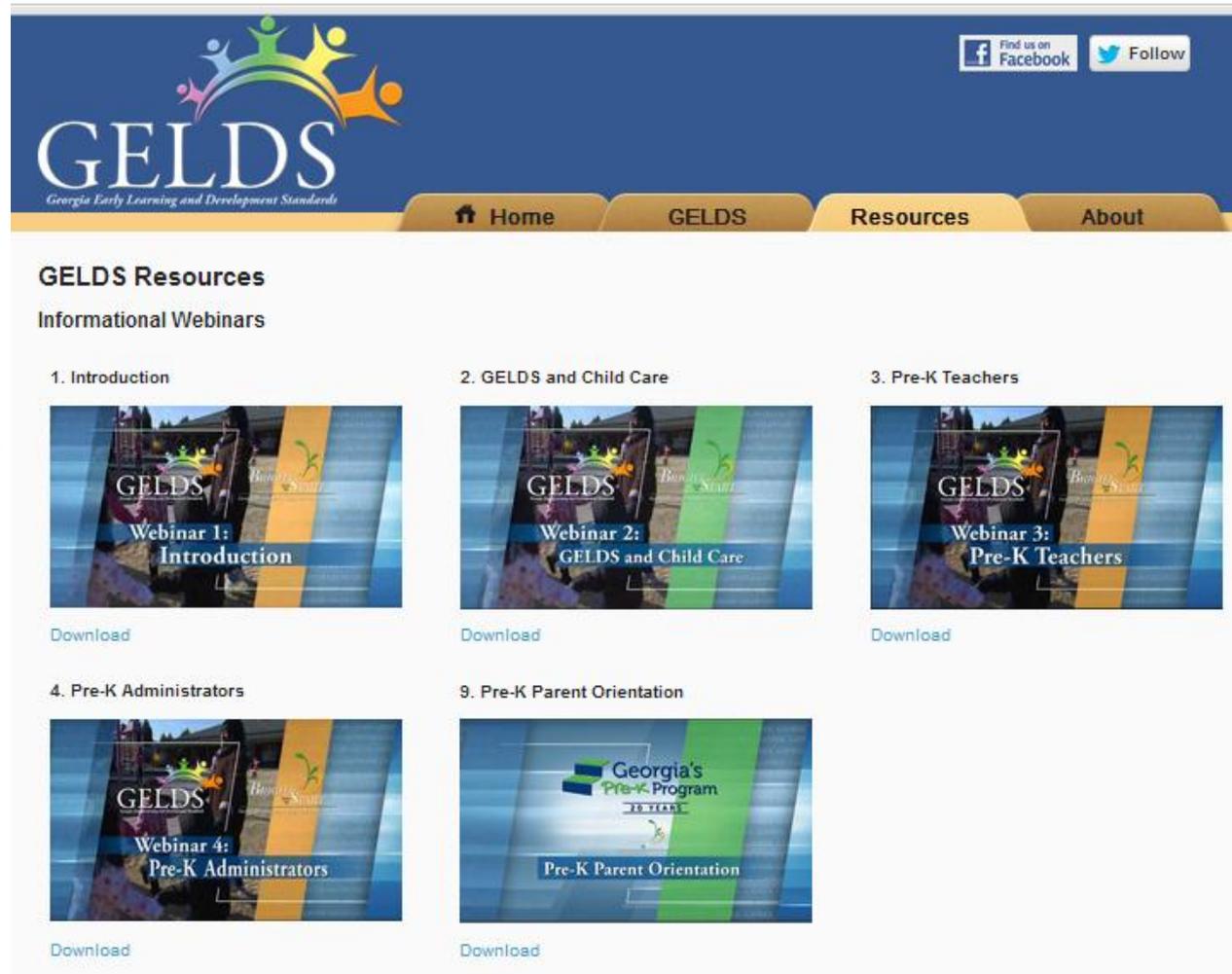
- Designed for new teachers, but all teachers are welcome to implement them
- Twelve full weeks of plans (activities including materials, assessment tips, and transition ideas)
- Each activity has an explanation with tips, strategies and ideas for modifications
- Found on BFTS website under Pre-K/Off to a Good Start
- Teachers can print templates and edit to individualize for their classrooms

GELDS Update

- The Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS) are finalized and ready to be used.
- DECAL is encouraging programs to use the GELDS this upcoming year even though it is not required. Pre-K classes will be required to use the GELDS during the 2014-2015 school year.
- All teachers, assistant teachers, and administrators will be trained on the GELDS this school year.

On the website, you will find:

- Introduction TO GELDS video
- Pre-K Administrator video
- Pre-K Teacher video
- Pre-K Parent Orientation video
- Printable GELDS documents including correlations



The screenshot shows the GELDS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'GELDS', 'Resources', and 'About' buttons. Below the navigation bar, the 'GELDS Resources' section is displayed, featuring a list of 'Informational Webinars'. Five webinar thumbnails are visible, each with a 'Download' link below it. The thumbnails are: 1. Introduction (Webinar 1), 2. GELDS and Child Care (Webinar 2), 3. Pre-K Teachers (Webinar 3), 4. Pre-K Administrators (Webinar 4), and 9. Pre-K Parent Orientation. The website also features social media links for Facebook and Twitter in the top right corner.

- All Pre-K directors and teachers will receive GELDS posters, wall clings, and a resource book this fall.



Georgia's Pre-K Training Plan – 2013-2014

Program Administrators

- New Project Directors **OPEN**
 - 2 day face to face with online module on financial reporting
- New Site Directors/ Principals **OPEN**
 - 1 day face to face
- Returning Project/ Site Directors **OPEN** for face to face
 - 1 day face to face or online

Lead Teacher Training

- All courses are open for registration
- New Lead Teachers – New Lead Teacher Institute
 - 2 day face to face, online module and quiz
- New Lead Teachers – 2nd Year Teacher
 - 2 day face to face training, online module and quiz
- Returning Lead Teachers – *Journey Through the GELDS*
 - Focused on standards and assessment
 - 2 day face to face training, online module and quiz

Assistant Teacher Training

- All courses are open for registration
- New Assistant Teachers – New Assistant Teacher Institute
 - 2 day face to face training, online module and competency quiz
- Returning Assistant Teacher Training
 - 2 day face to face training, online module and competency quiz

Work Sampling Online (WSO) Training

- Required for lead teachers who have not been trained on WSO
 - 1 day face to face training
 - This training is in addition to Lead Teacher 2 day training

Training Registration Reminders

- You must register teachers through the training registration system
 - www.decal.ga.gov/trainingregistration
- Only register teachers for their assigned training
- All trainings will cover the GELDS and assessment updates
- Competency Quizzes
 - Passing Score- 80% or higher
 - Teachers have **ONLY** two opportunities to pass. If the teacher does not pass in two tries, then the teacher will not receive credit (certificate) for the course.

Assessment Update

- All Pre-K classes will use Work Sampling Online (WSO)
- New WSO User Interface
 - Changes based on teacher feedback
 - More user friendly
 - Fewer clicks! Quicker and Easier!
 - Compatible with tablets
- Revised WSS indicators
 - Based on teacher feedback and national review
 - Better aligned with standards
 - More indicators in science and social studies

Assessment Update

- Log-in directions for administrators and teachers were emailed this week
- WSO tab on DECAL website
- Administrator upgrade will be released later this school year
- Questions: prekassessment@decals.ga.gov

Rosters

- 1st Roster

- Count Date: September 5th
- Due Date: September 12th

- Data Integrity:

- *Make sure you are entering your teacher and student data correctly.*

- Wait List Reminders

- *Programs are required to enter wait list data on the first roster and update each subsequent roster.*

Roster Entry Tips

- Enter student's FN/MN/LN/ and birthdate EXACTLY as it appears on their birth certificate
- Aim to get social security number for 100% of students to assist with unique identification
- Enter accurate begin/end dates
- If you have a question or issue when entering teachers, please email our teacher verification office at panda.teachers@dec.al.ga.gov
- Email other roster questions to panda.finance@dec.al.ga.gov

Rosters- Teacher Credentials

- Make sure that you are reviewing and updating your lead and assistant information including names, SSNs, and credential information.
- If you have a new teacher, you will be able to edit your roster and enter the new teacher online.
- You do not have to submit the teacher change form by fax or email.
- Teacher credentials are verified through the Professional Development Registry (PDR). All lead and assistant teachers are **REQUIRED** to register in the PDR.

DECAL Pre-K Staff

- Management Staff
 - Directors
 - Regional Managers
- Consultant Regions
- Vacant Consultant Regions

Questions?

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