



DECAL Stakeholder Network

Georgia's Pre-K Teachers Advisory Committee Meeting

August 29, 2013

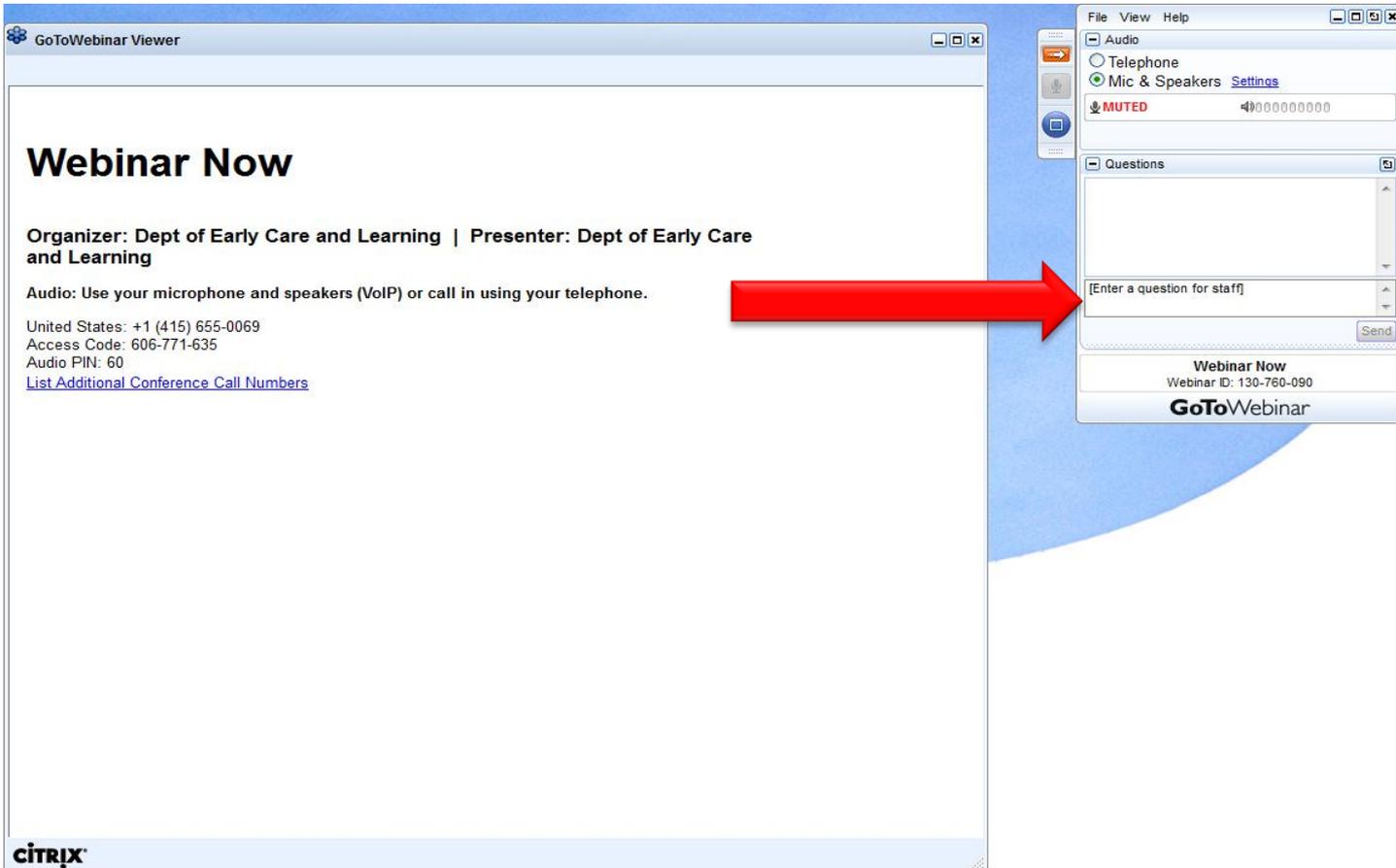


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AGENDA

- Welcome
- DECAL Stakeholder Engagement and Advisory Network
- Departmental Priorities
- Georgia's Pre-K Update
- Wrap Up and Next Steps



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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Commissioner

DECAL Stakeholder Advisory Network

- Launched January 2012
- Made up of 10 committees
- Engages over 200 Georgia citizens interested in early childhood education and care

Advisory Network Goals and Objectives

- Provide targeted stakeholders with the opportunity to speak directly with me and other members of Senior Leadership on a regular basis
- Identify and discuss the impact of statewide trends
- Inform the department of local issues with DECAL programs
- Provide feedback on proposed program and rule changes

Departmental Priorities

- **Health and Safety**

- Promote safe and healthy early care and learning programs

- **Quality**

- Improve quality of early care and learning programs

- **Organizational Excellence**

- Foster organizational excellence through stakeholder engagement, enterprise solutions, and workforce development



Your Feedback

- What is DECAL doing well?
- What is DECAL doing that could be improved?
- What is DECAL not doing that we should be doing?



Georgia's Pre-K Program

Georgia's Pre-K Update

Susan Adams
Assistant Commissioner for Pre-K



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 Quality Study: Year 2

- Sample from last school year included a comparison group of children
- Data collected to compare children who attended Pre-K and children who did not attend Pre-K
- Results should be available in January 2014

Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)

- CLASS measures the interactions between teachers and children (both the lead and the assistant)
- Pre-K is gathering data for research and professional development (Not an evaluation of the Pre-K teachers)
 - Instructional Support Domain scores have increased 11.82%
 - CLASS reports are available to directors in PANDA.
- Classrooms are randomly selected for an observation.

Pre-K by the Numbers : FY2014

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

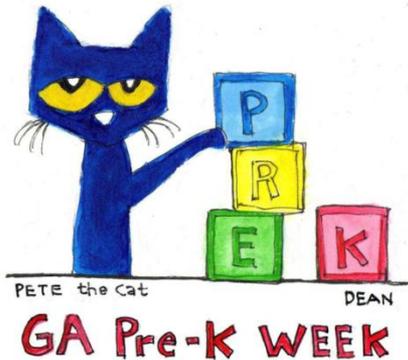
*Additional classes may be awarded depending on data and availability of funding.

Updates for 2013

- 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

Georgia's Pre-K Week

- September 30th – October 4th
- Sponsored by Voices for Georgia's Children to increase awareness about Georgia's Pre-K Program
- Highlighted Quality Rated Programs and birth to 3rd grade models
- Targeting legislators, community leaders, civic leaders to visit Pre-K 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 blue header with the GELDS logo (Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards) and social media links for Facebook and Twitter. Below the header is a navigation menu with buttons for Home, GELDS, Resources, and About. The main content area is titled "GELDS Resources" and "Informational Webinars". It displays five webinar thumbnails, 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 (Webinar 9). The thumbnails feature the GELDS logo and the "Bright from the Start" logo.

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



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

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Important Websites and Phone Numbers

- Georgia Dept. of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
 - www.decals.ga.gov
- Georgia Program and Infant and Toddler Care (GAPITC)
 - www.gapitc.org
- Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS)
 - www.gelds.decals.ga.gov
- Quality Rated
 - www.qualityrated.org or 877-ALL-GAKIDS (1-877-255-4254)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
 - <http://www.decals.ga.gov/Nutrition/CACFPHowtoApply.aspx>

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