



Summer Transition Program Application Webinar

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What is the Summer Transition Program?



Six-week intensive instructional and family support program for rising kindergarteners meeting the following criteria:

- Either did not attend Georgia's Pre K or attended Georgia's Pre-K or Head Start but are at risk for success in kindergarten
- Have families who meet income eligibility (85% of the state median income)



What is the Summer Transition Program?



- **Program Timeline**
 - 10 weeks for transition coaches
 - 7 weeks for teachers
 - 6 weeks for students
- **Instructional Program**
 - 16 students per classroom
 - Lead and Assistant Teacher (1 adult: 8 students)
 - 6.5 hour instructional day
 - Opening the World of Learning (OWL) curriculum



What is the Summer Transition Program?



- **Family Education and Support Program**
 - Transition Coach funded to provide services including:
 - Family recruitment and eligibility determination
 - Transition services (kindergarten registration and paperwork, EED/immunization follow up)
 - Family workshops

- **Optional before and after school care for children**



How is the Program Funded?



- **Program is funded through the federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).**
 - Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS)

- **Applicants apply for a grant for a specific # of classes.**

- **Grant Total = \$24,000 per class**



How is the Program Funded?



- **Funding guidelines include:**
 - Minimum salary requirements for lead teacher, assistant teacher, and transition coach
 - Approved program expenditures include:
 - Instructional materials (curriculum provided)
 - Transportation
 - Meal costs
 - Operating expenses
 - Family Support Program services and workshops
 - Field trips and enrichment activities
- **In addition to the per class allotment, training and curricula are provided to grantees.**

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How is the Program Funded?



- **Budget information to be posted:**
 - Lead teacher salary minimum
 - Assistant teacher salary minimum
 - Transition coach salary minimum
 - Payment schedule
 - Roster reporting dates

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Is My Program Eligible to Apply?



- **Current pre-K providers in good standing are eligible to apply.**
- **Application is open in all counties; however, a list of counties targeted for funding will be posted with the application.**
- **Additional points in the application will be awarded to programs meeting the following criteria:**
 - Providing transportation services
 - % of Category One students

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Which Children and Families are Eligible to Participate?



Children who are eligible to attend kindergarten next school year whose families meet the CCDF income requirements (85% of state median income)

- Priority 1: Age-eligible children who have not been served in a Georgia's Pre-K or Head Start program
- Priority 2: Children who entered the program late and need more time
- Priority 3: Children who may need additional support and services

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What are the Program Requirements?



- **Personnel**

- Staff members can only fill one role (the teachers cannot also be the Transition Coach; the teachers cannot also be the Site Director).
- Lead Teacher must meet current credential requirements (Pre-K experience required).
- Assistant Teacher must meet current credential requirements.
- Director/Site Director must oversee daily operation of the program and will be ultimately responsible for documentation.



What are the Program Requirements?



- **Family Support and Education Program**

- Transition Coach (TC) is funded for a total of 10 weeks working part time (20 hours per week/200 hours for total program).
- TC must have a minimum of associate degree and experience working with families.
- TC must have prior experience with family engagement.
- TC hours should accommodate family schedules.



What are the Program Requirements?



Role of the Transition Coach

- **Recruit students meeting the enrollment priorities**
- **Work with families to collect eligibility documentation**
- **Plan and facilitate family workshops (min. of 6)**
- **Plan and facilitate parent training activities**
- **Connect families with community resources**



What are the Program Requirements?



- **Six-week program for students**
 - Should be 6 continuous weeks with the exception of July 4th holiday
 - Must have 29 instructional days
 - Proposed Start Date: June 3, 2013
 - Proposed Ending Date: July 12, 2013
- **Ten weeks of employment for transition coaches (part time)**
 - Should start prior to start of program to recruit students
- **Seven weeks of employment for teaching staff**
 - Should include pre/post planning days and training days



What is the Application Process?



- **All applications must be submitted electronically via PANDA.**
- **Applications will be scored using a rubric.**
 - Additional points awarded for being in targeted county, serving percentage of category 1 students (3rd roster), and providing transportation
- **Applications will be reviewed by a team of DECAL staff and by outside readers.**



What is the Application Timeline?



- **Application will be posted on March 13th.**
- **Application scoring rubric will be posted on Friday, March 15th.**
- **Applications will be due April 1st, 2013, by 5:00 pm.**
 - Late applications will not be considered.
- **Grantees will be notified by April 19th, 2013.**
 - 100 classes will be awarded statewide.



Interested in Applying? Things to Consider...



- **Does my program serve the population targeted? Or have the capacity to reach out to those families?**
- **Do I have the personnel to staff this program over the summer?**
 - Are my teachers interested in working this summer? If not, how will I recruit experienced teachers?
 - Do I have someone with the skills to be a transition coach? Or the ability to hire someone for a 6-week program?



Successful STP Programs: Lessons Learned



- **Effective recruitment and enrollment strategies**
- **Experienced Transition Coach**
- **Experienced Lead and Assistant Teachers with multiple years of Pre-K experience**
- **Transportation is key**
- **Attendance incentives**
- **Strong on-site program support**
- **Dynamic strategies to promote parent participation and student attendance**



QUESTIONS



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