



Summer Transition Program Director's Webinar

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Summer Transition Program Webinar



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Summer Transition Program



Six-week intensive academic program for rising kindergarteners who meet 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)**



Program Overview



- **Maximum of 16 students in each classroom**
- **Teacher and assistant teacher (1 adult: 8 students)**
- **6.5 hour instructional day**
- **Opening the World of Learning (OWL) curriculum**
- **Family Education Program**
 - **Transition Coach to assist with family education and transition services**
- **Optional before and after school care for eligible children**



Summer School Findings



Activity	2011 Pre-Test Mean	2011 Post-Test Mean	2011 p	2011 Effect Size	2010 Effect Size
IGDI					
Picture Naming Score	19.33	21.37	<.001	.28	.41
Rhyming Score	4.83	6.71	<.001	.38	.27
Alliteration Score	2.19	3.67	<.001	.46	.25
Story & Print Concepts					
Total proportion correct	0.42	0.52	<.001	.47	.44
Book knowledge sum (max = 5)	3.03	3.62	<.001	.43	.49
Book comprehension sum (max = 2)	0.94	1.17	<.001	.29	.22
Print awareness sum (max = 7)	1.09	1.51	<.001	.35	.27

Table 2. Child Assessment Pre- and Post-Test Means



Summer School Application Details



- **Application available March 16th**
- **Applicants must be current Pre-K providers who are:**
 - Providing services in a targeted county
 - In good standing with Pre-K, CCS, Nutrition, and CAPS
- **Eligible applicants must submit via PANDA by noon on April 2nd**
 - Late applications will not be scored
- **Each application will be scored by multiple reviewers**



Targeted County Selection Process



County Level Data Points Used:

- Pre-K Waitlist (25%)
- Pre-K Waitlist to Enrollment Ratio (20%)
- Poverty Rate under 18 (20%)
- Unemployment Rate (15%)
- CRCT 3rd Grade Test Score (20%)



Targeted Counties Selected



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|-------------|-------------|
| • Baldwin | • Macon |
| • Bulloch | • Murray |
| • Calhoun | • Muscogee |
| • Chatham | • Polk |
| • Clayton | • Randolph |
| • Clinch | • Richmond |
| • DeKalb | • Screven |
| • Dougherty | • Spalding |
| • Emanuel | • Sumter |
| • Fulton | • Toombs |
| • Glynn | • Twiggs |
| • Hart | • Wayne |
| • Jefferson | • Whitfield |
| • Lowndes | |



Summer School Application Process



- Application will be completed online in PANDA
- 7 open-ended questions (each limited to 7,500 characters, or approximately 2,000 words)
- Recommend typing answers in Word and then copy and pasting into PANDA
- Choose sites and number of classes
- Summer Transition Program Assurances
- STP Application Manual is available



Program Basics



- Student/Family Requirements
- Staffing Considerations
- Training Information
- Program Calendars



Which Children Are Eligible?



Children who will be eligible to attend Kindergarten next school year whose families meet the DHS 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



What Are the Staffing Requirements?



- **Lead Teacher must meet current credential requirements (Pre-K experience required).**
- **Assistant Teacher must meet current credential requirements.**
- **Transition Coach must have a minimum of AA degree and experience working with families.**
- **Director/Site Director must oversee daily operation of the program and will be ultimately responsible for documentation.**



Staffing Considerations



- **Staff members can only fill one role (the teacher cannot also be the Transition Coach; the teacher cannot also be the site director).**
- **Pre-K teacher and assistant must have Pre-K experience.**
- **The TC must have experience working with families.**
- **TC hours should accommodate family schedules.**
- **You can hire staff from other Pre-K facilities.**



Required Training



- **Administrator Training**
 - Orientation webinar
 - One day face to face training
- **Teacher Training**
 - Curriculum training by Pearson
 - Arts integration training by Woodruff Arts Center
- **Transition Coach Training**
 - Training on records, enrollment, documentation and family workshops
 - Arts integration training by Woodruff



Calendars



- **Six week summer program during June and July**
- **Once programs are chosen, current school calendar information will be used to determine start and end dates and any Fourth of July holidays**
- **Program needs will be considered when determining program calendar**



Next Steps



- **Submit application**
 - Due by April 2nd
 - Awards announced via email the week of April 16th
- **If selected:**
 - Attend Orientation webinar on April 24th at 1:00 pm
 - Submit grant agreement
 - Identify staff
 - Identify eligible families/children
 - Attend trainings
 - Set program calendar





QUESTIONS



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