



**Georgia Dept
of Early Care
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Trauma-Responsive Care Grants Webinar

June 3, 2022

Agenda



Purpose and Big Picture Overview

Trauma-Responsive Care Grants

**Building a Trauma-Responsive Care
Community**

Application & Grant Logistics

Closing/Q & A



Trauma-Responsive Care Grants

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Funded and Aligned with Georgia's PDG Grant



- In 2019, Georgia was awarded an \$11.2 million Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant.
- PDG provides the state with a unique opportunity to strengthen system-level framework and better align critical B-5 services.

PDG is the funding source for these grant opportunities.



Community Impact Grants Overview

- 3 Distinct Opportunities:
 - 2Gen Innovation Grants**
 - Capacity Building (up to \$10,000)
 - Implementation Funding (up to \$25,000)
 - Trauma-Responsive Care Grants**
(up to \$10,000)
 - Community Transformation Grants**
(up to \$75,000)
- Each grant opportunity requires the creation of a collaborative team that will implement the work.
- Each grant requires a 30% in-kind match of funding and/or services.





Trauma-Responsive Care Grants

- Georgia State University is a key partner.
- Applications can be found here: https://decal.smapply.us/prog/trauma-responsive_care_grants/
- Questions related to applications should be emailed to communityimpactgrants@decal.ga.gov
- This webinar recording and slide deck will be posted online.



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Trauma-Responsive Care Grants

A Trauma-Responsive Care approach identifies the impact of trauma on children, caregivers, and families and **integrates responsive practices to support resiliency.**

Grant Opportunity:

Trauma-Responsive Care Grant (\$10,000)

Eligibility:

Non-profit organizations (501(c)(3)) and government entities (such as state agency, county government, city government agency, public college, public university, or school systems) may apply.

Timeline:

Applications will be due COB June 15, 2022. Awards will be announced no later than July 8, 2022. These grants are funded for one year: August 15, 2022 to August 14, 2023.



Trauma-Responsive Care Grants

Awards up to **\$10,000** to accomplish 3 objectives:

1. Build a cross-sector **collaborative team** to increase understanding and strengthen capacity related to trauma-responsive care for the birth to five population.
 - Made up of 6-10 community stakeholders.
 - Each collaborative will participate in three virtual trainings and three virtual coaching sessions with Georgia State University.
2. Develop and implement a community-based trauma-responsive action plan.
3. Create and disseminate trauma-responsive local resources and materials to families and providers related to your trauma-focused strategies.



Early Childhood Resources

- **Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)**
 - Child Care Programs in Georgia (<http://qualityrated.org/>)
 - Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) (<https://caps.dec.al.ga.gov/en/>)
 - Cross-Agency Child Data System (CACDS) (<http://www.gacacds.com/>)
- **Georgia Association for Infant Mental Health: Birth to Five (GA-AIMH)** (<https://cld.gsu.edu/ga-aimh/>)
- **Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS)** (<https://gears.org/>)
- **Resilient Georgia** (<https://www.resilientga.org/>)
- **Get Georgia Reading** (<https://getgeorgiareading.org/>)



Envisioning a Trauma-Responsive Community Project



A PROFESSIONAL *Excellence* PROGRAM



CHANGE

TRAUMA
AWARE



TRAUMA
RESPONSIVE





Trauma Aware

Three “Es” of Trauma

- Events
- Experience
- Effects



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)



ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years) and are often preventable

Complex
Trauma



Exposure to varied and multiple traumatic incidents, often of an invasive and interpersonal nature.

Toxic Stress



Prolonged activation
of the stress response
system in the absence
of protective
relationships

Complex Trauma
+
Toxic Stress
=
Modified Brain
Development

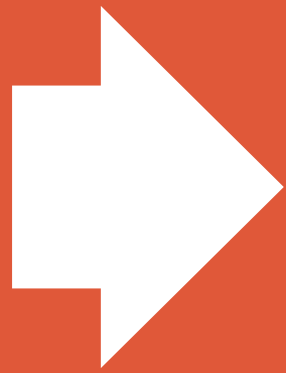




1 in 4
School-aged
children
exposed
to trauma

**Change Your Perspective
Use Your Trauma Lens**





Trauma
Responsive

All involved parties
trauma aware

Infusion of trauma
awareness in organization
practices

Collaboration
among agencies
and professionals

Best available science to
support child and family
recovery and resilience and
resilience of staff

Trauma-Informed Child & Family Service System

Essential Elements



Maximize Physical and Psychological Safety for Children and Families



A Closer Look

**How can you use this
information to build a trauma-
responsive project?**



Identify Trauma-Related Needs Of Children and Families



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Enhance **CHILD** Well-Being and Resilience



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Enhance **FAMILY** Well-Being and Resilience



A Closer Look

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Enhance Well-Being and Resilience of **Those Working in the System**



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Partner With Families, Other Agencies and Systems



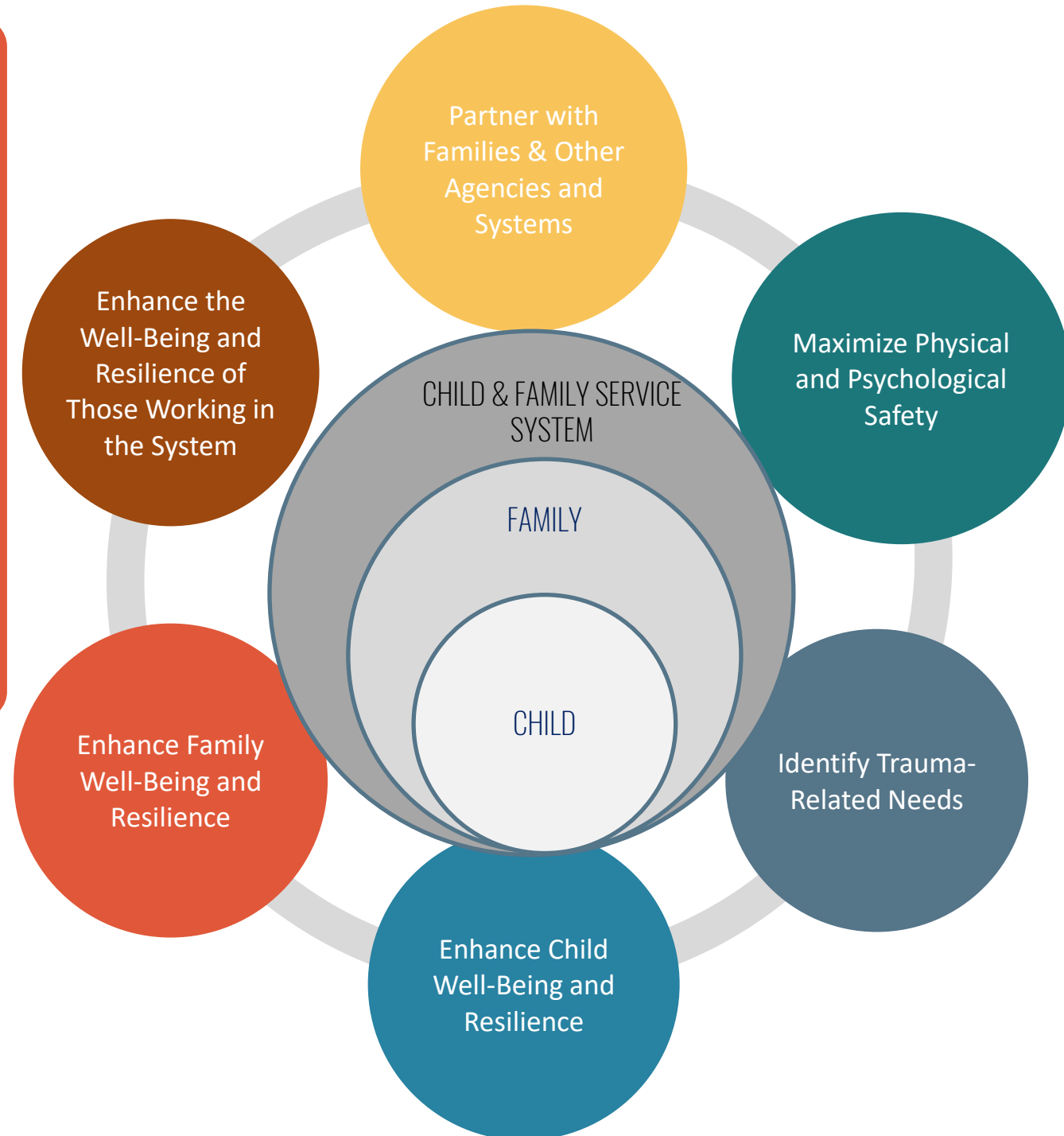
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Essential Elements



INDIVIDUALS



ASSOCIATIONS



ORGANIZATIONS



PHYSICAL



ECONOMIC



CULTURAL



Change from within

Build on existing resources

Your sphere of influence

Small steps

Start where you are

QUESTIONS ?

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Applicant Guidelines

- What is the process for receiving funds from DECAL?
- What are the approved uses of funding and what are prohibited uses of funding?
- Match Requirement
 - Why is there a 30% match requirement for each grant?
 - What counts as a match?
 - How will I document the match?





Questions 

Thank You!

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