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Georgia 2Gen Statewide Summit Takes Place September 15-16

*Event focuses on accelerating strategies to support children and families using
a two-generation approach*

ATLANTA, Ga., (September 11, 2026) – The 2026 Georgia 2Gen Statewide Summit takes place September 15–16 at Stone Mountain Park. On hand at the event, created by The Georgia Children’s Cabinet, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, will be facilitators from the University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

The Summit is designed to accelerate strategies that support children and their families simultaneously in a two-generation approach. This 2Gen method is a holistic approach focused on blending supports and services so that both groups benefit together, rather than focusing on serving children or parents in isolation. The approach aims to build economic stability, social capital, health care access, quality education, and more, for the whole family.

Attending will be approximately 250 leaders from across Georgia and beyond, including policymakers, philanthropic organizations, community-based practitioners, parent leaders and community representatives.

Attendees will select from multiple learning tracks including policy and systems change; practice and program design models; data, measurement, and evaluation; and more.

"No single program or agency can meet the complex needs of families alone," said DECAL Commissioner Amy M. Jacobs. "The 2Gen approach recognizes that lasting success comes from supporting both children and the adults who care for them. We are grateful to join our partners across Georgia to share ideas, strengthen collaborations, and advance strategies that help families achieve greater stability, opportunity, and success."

Making the event possible are generous contributions from Transformational Sponsor the Liz Blake Giving Fund, and Systems-Change Sponsors Deloitte, and MTX Group, Inc.

About the Georgia Foundation for Early Care and Learning

Founded by Governor Nathan Deal and the Georgia General Assembly in 2017, the Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning is dedicated to making strategic investments aimed at enhancing and broadening high-quality early education in Georgia. The Foundation is the 501(c)3 grantmaking charity connected to the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

Our mission is to ensure that every child in Georgia is equipped for success upon entering Kindergarten, irrespective of their family's income or geographic location. The Foundation is committed to fostering educational excellence through collaborative partnerships with families, communities, the early care and education industry, and stakeholders. For more information, please visit www.gaeearlyed.org.

About the Georgia Children's Cabinet

The Georgia Children's Cabinet is a statewide, cross-agency body established in 2019 to coordinate services and policies that support children and families across Georgia.

Convened by the Governor, the Cabinet brings together leaders from multiple state agencies to promote a more aligned and comprehensive system of education, health, and family support for children and families. Its work focuses on ensuring that children are safe, healthy, and learning by advancing collaborative strategies, strengthening early childhood outcomes, and implementing a "whole family" or two-generation approach that supports both children and their caregivers. The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is the lead fiscal agent for the Cabinet. For more information, please visit <https://www.gachildrencabinet.org>. ore than 87,000! That is the number of books The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) will soon distribute to children enrolled in Georgia's Pre-K across the state.

About DECAL

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is the state agency supporting Georgia's children and families by overseeing and promoting access to high-quality early care and education programs.

These programs include Georgia's Pre-K, child care licensing, CAPS, Quality Rated, nutrition programs, Head Start collaboration, and statewide quality improvement efforts. Get more information at www.dec.al.ga.gov.