The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) invites you to participate in a public hearing on the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan. The purpose of the CCDF is to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services in Georgia.

The CCDF State Plan describes how Georgia will administer CCDF services from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027, specifically explaining how funds will be used to 1. assist eligible families with the cost of child care; and 2. enhance the quality and availability of child care in Georgia.

Two virtual public hearings will be held during which time you can comment on the proposed State Plan that was written by DECAL, the lead agency for the CCDF in Georgia. You need to attend only one of the hearings to have your comments recorded and considered.

Below are the dates, times, and links to access the public hearings.

Wed, May 29, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT-

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b7a0007a-9812-40bf-a8f2-f7cf54effe51@b8e0a1a4a274-4c23-97e9-608b64c12f4e

Thu, May 30, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM EDT-

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d1c25890-32d5-469d-a380dde09031b495@b8e0a1a4-a274-4c23-97e9-608b64c12f4e

A draft of the proposed CCDF State Plan is available for your review at:

https://www.decal.ga.gov/BFTS/CCDFPlan.aspx

If you cannot participate in either of the virtual public hearings, you can still comment on the State Plan by submitting your comments to <u>CCDFstateplan@decal.ga.gov</u>. All comments will be reviewed and considered for the final plan.

If requested, DECAL has access to a translation service that provides translation for multiple languages.