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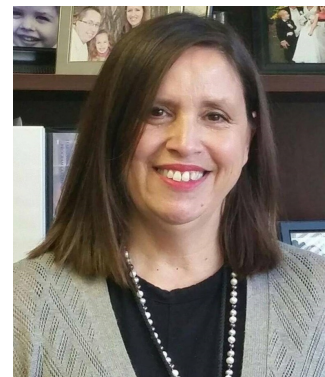
Child Care Services Spring 2022 Newsletter

Dear Child Care Providers,

Happy spring! I hope you're enjoying this brief time of Georgia weather between too cold and too hot (it won't last long)!

I want to remind of a couple of things that were sent to you recently via email.

First, you are now eligible to receive funding to purchase **COVID-19 at-home self-test kits and personal protection equipment (PPE)**. The amount of funding you receive will be based on the type of program you operate (CCLC or FCCLH) and your enrollment. These funds, made possible by DECAL, come from the American Rescue Plan Act. You do not have to apply for



these funds. The funds can be accessed and must be spent through a vendor called ClassWallet. You should have received an email from ClassWallet (info@classwallet.com) that included directions for accessing the funds. If you did not receive an email from ClassWallet by April 4, 2022, please check your spam and clutter folders. If after checking all your folders you did not receive an email from ClassWallet, contact help@classwallet.com or 877-969-5536.

I also want to remind you that beginning April 1, 2022, DECAL Child Care Consultants began resuming more than one in-person child care visit per day. As you remember, up until this time our COVID precautions included only visiting one child care program each day. With the decline of COVID cases throughout the state, we are making progress toward normal operations. The health and safety of you, your staff, the children you care for as well as the DECAL staff are our highest priorities. If there are changes in the status of COVID cases in Georgia, we will modify our practices.

Take care, and once again Happy Spring!



Pam Stevens
Deputy Commissioner for Child Care Services

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Recent Changes to Indicator Manuals

Because the Family Child Care Learning Home (FCCLH) and Child Care Learning Center (CCLC) Indicator Manuals contain both licensing rules and regulations as well as indicators for compliance, they have been renamed the (CCLC/FCCLH) Rules & Regulations Indicator Manuals. These manuals will continue to be updated every quarter to stay current with ever changing clarification and best practice. To ensure that you have the most up-to-date version(s), please click on the appropriate manual below.



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Child Care Learning Centers

**Rules & Regulations
Indicator Manual**

**Chapter 591-1-1
April 1, 2022**



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Family Child Care Learning Homes

**Rules & Regulations
Indicator Manual**

**Chapter 290-2-3
April 1, 2022**

Early Math Resources



The Development and Research in Early Mathematics Education (DREME) website contains articles that are designed to support child care professionals interested in engaging families around early math. They will help boost confidence and knowledge about early math topics and find strategies for promoting positive math attitudes. Parents and caregivers who are interested in learning more about family math can also read and learn from the articles. Topics are organized by age (i.e., babies and toddlers, preschoolers and older children) and all materials are available in English and Spanish.

[Click to Visit Website](#)

ATTENTION **LICENSED PROVIDERS**

**FUNDING TO PURCHASE
COVID-19 TEST KITS/ PERSONAL
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)
IS AVAILABLE**

funding begins April 1 - June 30, 2022
funds are available using



CLASSWALLET

Learn More



Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4Life Training Opportunity



Children are dealing with more stress than ever before, and research continues to show the significant impact that stress has on their emotional wellness. Even little ones can become overwhelmed with big emotions and they need our help learning how to cope. Strong4Life recognizes that early childhood professionals play a crucial role in setting a lifelong foundation for emotional development and resilience through responsive caregiving. The Strong4Life resilience training is designed to support early childhood professionals in fostering resilience in children starting at birth.

The Strong4Life resilience training aims to:

- Normalize conversations about feelings.
- Provide education about supporting emotional development.
- Teach skills to help children identify, express, and manage feelings.

Training participants will receive:

- A certificate of attendance for one hour of state approved training
- Feelings poster
- Coping skills poster
- Education about Strong4Life web content that can be shared with families and staff members

Trainings will be conducted on:

Tuesday, April 19 at 12 pm
Tuesday, May 24 at 12 pm
Tuesday, June 24 at 12 pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

Clean Water for Georgia's Kids

Childhood exposure to lead can cause lifelong and irreversible mental and behavioral defects. The Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is joining the Georgia Department of Education and the nonprofit research institute RTI International to help schools and child care programs test, communicate, and remove lead from their drinking and cooking water. Thanks to a federal grant these tests are free of charge and are a great safeguard for children and their families.



The first step is to attend a thirty-minute pre-enrollment webinar to learn how to enroll, collect samples, ship your samples, and ask any questions. Register for the webinar, which is offered twice a week, at <https://bit.ly/3hW66kN>.

[Click to Hear an Informational Podcast](#)

FREE Upcoming Virtual Trainings

The following trainings are FREE and will be conducted using [ZOOM](#) meetings. All participants must register for the trainings through the [Georgia Professional Development System \(GaPDS\)](#). Once registered, a link will be sent to your email to join the training via webinar.

ALL trainings will be held from 12:30 - 1:30 PM.

TRAINING NAME	DATE
Playgrounds: That's A Rule?	Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Transportation & Field Trip Safety	Thursday, April 21, 2022
Playgrounds: That's A Rule?	Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Transportation & Field Trip Safety	Thursday, May 19, 2022
Family Child Care Learning Home (FCCLH) – Core Rules Refresher <i>*FCCLH Only</i>	Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Child Care Learning Center (CCLC) – Core Rules Refresher	Thursday, June 9, 2022

Questions? Please email ccs.ta@decal.ga.gov or call (770)344-5891

[Register Now!](#)

Online Learning Library Initiative (OLLI): How To Complete?

The OLLI Training system is a free, self-paced collection of online trainings. These trainings are completed at your own pace. You can even stop and start as needed! See below for easy How-To instructions:

1. Once registered for an OLLI training, log into the Georgia Professional Development System ([GaPDS](#)).
2. Next click the TRAININGS tab and select the "My Scheduled Trainings" tab from the drop down menu. A list of trainings you are currently registered for will appear.
3. Then, find the OLLI training you wish to begin.
4. Click "Attend Training" and your training will begin in a new window.
5. Continue to click next at the bottom to advance through the training.

OLLI Trainings are formatted for desktop or laptop computer functionality ONLY. Using a cell phone or mobile device will not allow the training to start properly.

[Find OLLI Training Sessions](#)

Consumer Product Safety Commission Children's Products Recalls



Sign up today to receive up-to-date email notifications whenever children's products are recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

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