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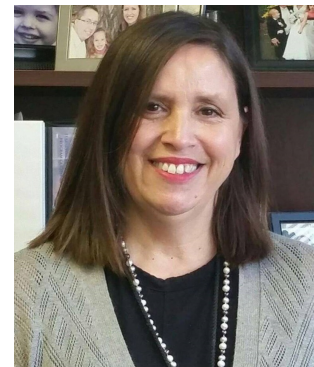
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Child Care Services November 2018 Newsletter

Happy Fall!

This is always a great time of year in child care. The holidays are fun to celebrate, and the children and teachers can be outside without sweating or freezing!

It's hard to believe that this year is almost gone, and with the arrival of 2019, it's a great time to think about goals for your program. If you serve families who receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) and you are not yet Quality Rated, the time to start the process is now. All providers who receive CAPS funding must have a Quality Rated star rating by December 31, 2020 in order to continue receiving CAPS funds. Quality improvement takes time, so you want to allow enough time to take full advantage of the free training and technical assistance that comes with participation in Quality Rated. If you don't serve families who receive CAPS funding, we want you to be Quality Rated too! It's always good to have a common goal to work toward, and Quality Rated gives all



programs the structure they need to move forward.

To get started call the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or go to www.qualityrated.decal.ga.gov . If you're already Quality Rated, thank you!

All the best,

Pam Stevens

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Deputy Commissioner for Child Care Services

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Kids Online Administrative Licensing Application

License fees are due December 1, 2018
Pay your license fee and complete your affirmation
[online](#) – it's quick and convenient!



Tip of the Month

Tips explain and clarify health and safety rules.

Read [November's Tip of the Month](#) about requirements surrounding parental access.

A green-bordered graphic with a white background. At the top, it says "IT'S EASY TO CREATE A GaPDS ACCOUNT" in blue. Below that is the GaPDS logo, which includes a stylized person icon and the text "GaPDS" in blue, with "Georgia Professional Development System for Early Childhood Educators" in smaller text underneath. A dark blue box contains a list of six steps: Step #1 Go to gapds.decal.ga.gov, Step #2 Select login/register, Step #3 Complete and submit the form, Step #4 Check your email for a message with a link for creating a password, Step #5 Log in with your password, and Step #6 Complete your profile and submit to be assigned a Career Level. Below the steps is a green checkmark and the word "DONE!". At the bottom, it says "Have questions? Contact GaPDS Support for answers. 404-267-2750 ★ gapds@decal.ga.gov". At the very bottom, it says "Follow us:" followed by icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn, and the "BRIGHT START" logo for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

Mark Your Calendars



FREE Training Near You Now Through December 2018

This is a FREE overview of selected rules from the licensing rules and regulations that directly affect children's health and safety. All registrants must have a GaPDS account to register for training.

[Register Today!](#)

DATE	TRAINING	CITY	TIME
Tuesday, November 13, 2018	CCLC Core Rules	Hinesville	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, November 14, 2018	Physical Plant- Hazards	Cartersville	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 27, 2018	Non-Core Rules DIRECTORS ONLY	Atlanta	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Saturday, December 1, 2018	Playground & Active Supervision	Gainesville	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Research Shows the Importance of Language Development for Low-Income, High-Risk Children

A child's early years of language development are critical for the fundamentals of school readiness, such as literacy skills and social and emotional growth. While much research has focused how language develops through parent-child interactions, this study examined how language use and development in two and three year old children was influenced by what they heard from their teachers and their peers. The study revealed the importance of conversations with teachers, particularly for children with more challenging life circumstances.



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GEORGIA CHILD CARE SAFETY SUMMIT

Free Training Opportunity

This training provides an overview of the new Safety and Injury Prevention Curriculum for Early Care and Education Settings. The curriculum is designed by the American Academy of Pediatrics as an educational tool for child care providers with all levels of understanding about safety and injury prevention. Participants will learn how to prevent injuries, recognize potential safety hazards, and understand how to create a safe environment in early care and education settings. Topics include: introduction to safety and injury prevention in early care and education settings, fire and burn prevention, transportation safety, playground safety, medication safety, poison prevention, and helmet safety. The Georgia Child Care Safety Summit is a partnership between Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Georgia Head Start Association.

5 hours of BFTS approved credit will be awarded.

Please note that this training is a special event and doesn't meet the Health and Safety Orientation training requirements.

This Training is Green

We've gone green by providing only electronic versions of handouts. Feel free to bring electronic device to the session.



Two Dates to Choose From:

**November 28, 2018
Macon, Georgia**

OR

**March 12, 2019
Marietta, Georgia**

Event Schedule:

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

**To register go to the Georgia Professional Development System website:
<https://gapds.dec.state.ga.us/Shared/TrainingSchedule.aspx?T=1189>**



Fun Fall Activities for Children

The temperature is dropping, the leaves are changing color and there are pumpkins everywhere—it must be fall!

Welcome fall with one of these simple crafts or activities.

Popcorn Kernel Fall Sensory

Bin

To make this sensory bin, you will need:

- popcorn kernels
- fake maple leaves
- measuring cups, scoops, spoons, or cups



Apple Stamps

You Will Need:

- apples
- fabric paint
- paint brush
- knife
- white tea towel, newspapers or old tablecloth



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Children's Product Recalls



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