



BRIGHT FROM THE START
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Dear Child Care Provider:

In response to many requests from providers, Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is offering **free online training** on the updated rules and regulations related to **transportation.****

This training that you and your staff can complete at your convenience will fulfill the new training requirement of two clock hours of approved transportation training for directors, driver(s), and any other staff member involved in transporting children for child care learning programs. This new course covers administrative policies for transportation safety and the required procedures for transporting children as outlined in Georgia's child care rules and regulations.

This training is ready **NOW** before we enter the hottest months of the year; it is **FREE**; and it is **ACCESSIBLE** at your convenience. For these reasons, we strongly advise you to take advantage of this resource specially developed to meet your needs AND to help ensure that children in child care are transported safely.

Bottom line: DECAL will apply **significant enforcement actions** if an incident relating to transportation occurs at your center and your staff has not completed this training or another state approved transportation training as soon as possible. I know you agree with me that we **MUST** do everything we can as soon as we can to avoid preventable tragedies related to transportation.

To access this free online transportation training, go to one of the following links:

English Version: www.prosolutionstraining.com/TSafety

Spanish Version: www.prosolutionstraining.com/TSafetyES

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to provide safe and healthy child care environments for Georgia's youngest learners.

Sincerely,

Bobby D. Cagle
Commissioner

****UPDATED RULES REGARDING TRANSPORTATION TRAINING:** Director and staff participating in transportation services must complete two (2) clock hours of transportation procedures and forms training on or before June 30, 2015 and at least every two years thereafter.

Effective July 1, 2015, the Director and staff participating in transportation services must complete two (2) clock hours of transportation training prior to assuming any duties related to the transportation of children and at least every two years thereafter.