

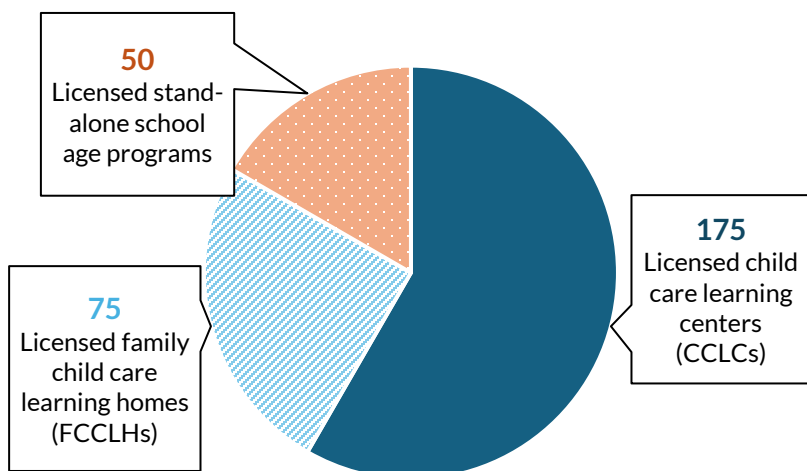
# Georgia Child Care Quality Study Overview

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is partnering with Child Trends on a statewide study of Georgia's child care and early care and education programs. The purpose of the study is to better understand the quality of licensed programs across the state. Results of the study will inform the resources DECAL provides to early education programs as well as revisions to Quality Rated, Georgia's quality rating and improvement system.



## Participants

Child Trends will select programs at random throughout Georgia to be in the study, and participation will be voluntary. Directors/owners and teachers who take part in the study will be offered gift cards to thank them for their time. The goal is to include 300 programs in the study, including:



## Data Collection

Child Trends will gather information about quality through:

- Observations of infant/toddler, preschool, and school-age classrooms and FCCLHs
- Surveys of child care providers and teachers

Child Trends will ask parents, providers, and advocates for their ideas in planning the study and engage them when interpreting the findings.

## Timeline



## Questions?

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