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Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Receives Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety

ATLANTA, GA (June 27, 2024)—The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The grant will support DECAL's annual LOOK AGAIN campaign, which highlights the dangers of leaving children alone in vehicles and preventing pediatric vehicular heatstroke.

LOOK AGAIN, which is going into its eleventh consecutive year for DECAL, calls for families and caregivers of children to increase awareness of the dangers of leaving children unattended in vehicles. This year's campaign was launched on May 1, 2024, which is recognized as National Heatstroke Prevention Day.

"We are truly grateful to receive this grant and to have the backing and support of the GOHS," says DECAL Commissioner Amy M. Jacobs. "LOOK AGAIN is a simple message with a big meaning. We hope this, and other small reminders to parents and childcare providers, will prevent a child from being left alone in a vehicle and save lives."

Each year, DECAL releases social media messages, a public service announcement, and billboard reminders, especially during the hotter months of the year. The focus is on sharing the importance of staying hypervigilant while transporting children and remembering to always check both the front and backseat of vehicles once you arrive at your destination and before walking away, LOOK AGAIN.

For more information, please visit [Look Again](#).

About Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)

DECAL is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia's Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program, federal nutrition programs, and manages Quality Rated, Georgia's community powered child care rating system. The Department also houses the Head Start State Collaboration Office, distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care, and works collaboratively with Georgia child care resource and referral agencies and organizations throughout the state to enhance early care and education. For more information, go to www.decalfga.gov.