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DECAL unveils New Family Resource Page

New Page Offers Helpful Information Specific to Families

ATLANTA, Ga., (March 23, 2021) – The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) recently added a webpage on the Instructional Supports/Child and Family Development section of its website which focuses on helpful resources and information for families. The new page can be found at: <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/InstructionalSupports/ResourcesForFamilies.aspx> and provides links to specific resources on timely topics including Covid-Specific Resources, Social and Emotional Wellness, Navigating Digital Learning, and Self-Care and Promoting Child Development.

“We are constantly hearing from providers and parents looking for resources from our agency to help them in educating and caring for healthy and happy children,” said Susan Adams, Deputy Commissioner of Georgia’s Pre-K Program and Instructional Supports. “This becomes particularly important during a pandemic when so many families have altered schedules and routines. We are pleased to have these resources located in one convenient place with links to some of the nation’s best and most respected experts in the areas of child development and early childhood education.”

Within each topic featured are links to various articles, videos, and informational flyers. These resources include helpful videos and other information available online from the National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations, Zero to Three, Child Care Aware, Pennsylvania State University, Georgia State University, Vanderbilt University, John Hopkins School of Education, Sesame Street in Communities,

Bubbles Academy, Dr. Barbara Stroud, The Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, The Center for Parenting Education and DECAL's new Developmental Monitoring Website:

<https://development.dec.al.ga.gov/#/>.

Families are encouraged to go to the page to view these resources, and child care professionals are advised to share with them with families in their care.

About DECAL

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 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 and 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.dec.al.ga.gov.