



**Georgia Dept
of Early Care
and Learning**
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**Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Quality Rated Language and Literacy Endorsement
Cohort Two Overview
2022-2023**

What is the Language and Literacy Endorsement?



- An additional recognition added to the Quality Rated system, available to existing 2- and 3-star Quality Rated programs
- A year-long opportunity to train, encourage, and support child care providers in developing critical pre-reading skills among the birth-to-5 age group
- High-quality professional development complemented by literacy resources for classrooms, a technology grant for the center, and a growth materials package
- An opportunity to learn best practices with other center administrators and teachers





Who can apply?

- Licensed Child Care Learning Centers (CCLCs) in good standing with DECAL programs
- CCLCs with current Quality Rated star ratings of 2 or 3 stars
- Program site directors and up to one more program administrator per site who agree to participate in online trainings and meetings with leaders from other sites from April 2022 until March 2023



Who can apply?

- Programs with at least one lead teacher each from at least 75% of the program's infant, toddler, preschool, and pre-k classrooms willing and able to participate in online trainings from April 2022 until February 2023
- Directors, Administrators, and Teachers who are willing to participate in evaluation activities, including surveys and interviews



Program Timeline

- Application available February 4, 2022
- Applications due by 5:00 p.m. EST on February 25, 2022
- Participants notified, formal announcement made on April 8, 2022
- Professional development begins Summer 2022, extends through February 2023
- Growth Plans due March 2023
- Endorsements announced April 2023



Language and Literacy Endorsement Trainings



- Virtual format
- Director/Administrator orientation and Teacher orientation
- Four Saturday training sessions – stipends will be given to participants
- Independent/Home Learning for participants to coincide with sessions
- Optional participation in Professional Learning Community



Language and Literacy Endorsement Trainings

- Setting the Foundation (Developmental Milestones and GELDS)
- Responsive Caregiving
- Leadership (for Administrators)
- Promoting Oral Language through Story Reads
- Planning Literacy Activities
- Continuing Strong Language and Literacy Practices After the Endorsement



Application Information

- Competitive Application
- Posted on February 4, 2022, on DECAL website
 - <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/QualityInitiatives/Grants.aspx>
- Due by 5:00 p.m. EST on February 25, 2022
- Must be completed by a person with apparent authority or legal authority for the program (e.g., CEO, COO, CFO, President, Sole Proprietor)
- Each application is for ONE Child Care Learning Center
- DECAL will review applications for eligibility and completeness and will score eligible applications using a standardized rubric
- Additional scoring considerations include CAPS participation (current CAPS providers and current active CAPS scholarships) and participation in project LITTLE (Lifting Infants and Toddlers Through Language-rich Environments)





Thank you!

