

## *Supporting Onsite Learning for Virtual Education Program* VS *Childcare and Parent Services*

SOLVE scholarships are financial awards for qualifying families to help pay for their child to attend eligible programs while their child is engaged in virtual learning. Although Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) is administering the SOLVE Scholarship Program, it is important to note that SOLVE scholarships are distinct and separate from CAPS scholarships. Here are some key differences between the two scholarship programs:

### SOLVE

#### 1. Purpose

- The SOLVE Scholarship Program, funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER), is in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis and aims to financially support families who require out-of-home care while Georgia charter and public schools offer primarily virtual learning models.

#### 2. Length of Scholarship

- SOLVE scholarships have a three-month eligibility period that may be extended if the family continues to meet SOLVE eligibility requirements.

#### 3. Initial Eligibility Requirements

- The family's income may not exceed 85% of the state median income (SMI) unless the student has a qualifying disability.
- The student must be enrolled in a Georgia public school, state charter commission school, or locally approved charter school that is primarily offering virtual learning (50% or more of classroom instruction is virtual for any grade level kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup>).
- The student must be 5-12 years of age, or up to 22 years of age with a qualifying disability and enrolled in a kindergarten or higher classroom.
- The parents must be attending work, school, or a combination of the two.

#### 4. Additional Information

- Information on SOLVE is available at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CAPS/Solve.aspx>.

### CAPS

#### 1. Purpose

- CAPS, Georgia's ongoing Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) funded child care subsidy program, aims to support low-income families by improving access to high-quality child care through scholarships.

#### 2. Length of Scholarship

- CAPS Scholarships have a twelve-month eligibility period and can be renewed annually if the family meets the eligibility requirements for ongoing services.

#### 3. Initial Eligibility Requirements

- The family's income may not exceed 50% of the state median income (SMI).
- The child must be 0-12 years of age, and up to 18 years of age under certain circumstances.
- For most families, the parents must be attending work, school, or job training for at least 24 hours a week.
- The families must belong to one of the CAPS priority groups. [Information on the CAPS priority groups is available here.](#)

#### 4. Additional Information

- Information on CAPS is available at <https://www.caps.decal.ga.gov/en/>.

