

## Training Approval Application Submission Guide

# Early Language and Literacy Training

Under the Georgia Early Literacy Act, starting July 2025, all teaching staff working in licensed and license-exempt Child Care Learning Centers and Family Child Care Learning Homes are required to obtain two (2) annual Early Language and Literacy training clock hours.

Georgia Approved Trainers and Approved Sponsor Organizations (ASOs) are invited to submit Language and Literacy trainings for state approval by completing a Training Approval Application that meets both Georgia Training Approval expectations, and the content requirements listed below. Existing approved language and literacy trainings can be revised to meet the requirements and resubmitted for review.

### Early Language and Literacy Lab Trainings Requirements

#### Submitted trainings must:

- Be a minimum of one (1) hour
- Focus on one of the following age groups or age group combinations:
  - Infants
  - Infants & Toddlers
  - Preschool
  - Preschool and Pre-K
  - School Age

If the training focuses on two age groups, the content must include developmentally appropriate practices that address both age groups adequately.

- Include content that is aligned with the GELDS Communication, Language and Literacy (CLL) domain for the selected age group
- Include evidence-based early language and literacy strategies for birth to five (5) years old
- Focus on one of the following required areas:
  - Language Development
  - Building Vocabulary
  - Early Literacy Skills
  - Reading Aloud and Storytelling
  - Supporting Early Writing Skills
  - Social-Emotional Development and Language
  - Literacy Rich Environments
  - Assessment of Language and Literacy Skills
  - Culturally Responsive Literacy Practices
  - Supporting Families and Caregivers in Language and Literacy
  - Literacy and Play

Early Language and Literacy Lab Trainings Certificates must include the following: Training date(s) and location; Trainer's name, Code, and signature; Training Code; WKC's standards; Training participant's name and signature; the number of clock hours; and a statement that the Training or Course is state approved for child care providers and meets the Early Language and Literacy Lab training requirements.