



DECAL Stakeholder Network

Faith-Based Advisory Committee Meeting

August 8, 2013



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AGENDA

- Welcome
- DECAL Stakeholder Engagement and Advisory Network
- Departmental Priorities
- Child Care Services Update
- Quality Initiatives Update
- Wrap Up and Next Steps



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Bobby D. Cagle, MSW
Commissioner

DECAL Stakeholder Advisory Network

- Launched January 2012
- Made up of 10 committees
- Engages over 200 Georgia citizens interested in early childhood education and care

Advisory Network Goals and Objectives

- Provide targeted stakeholders with the opportunity to speak directly with me and other members of Senior Leadership on a regular basis
- Identify and discuss the impact of statewide trends
- Inform the department of local issues with DECAL programs
- Provide feedback on proposed program and rule changes

Departmental Priorities

- **Health and Safety**

- Promote safe and healthy early care and learning programs

- **Quality**

- Improve quality of early care and learning programs

- **Organizational Excellence**

- Foster organizational excellence through stakeholder engagement, enterprise solutions, and workforce development

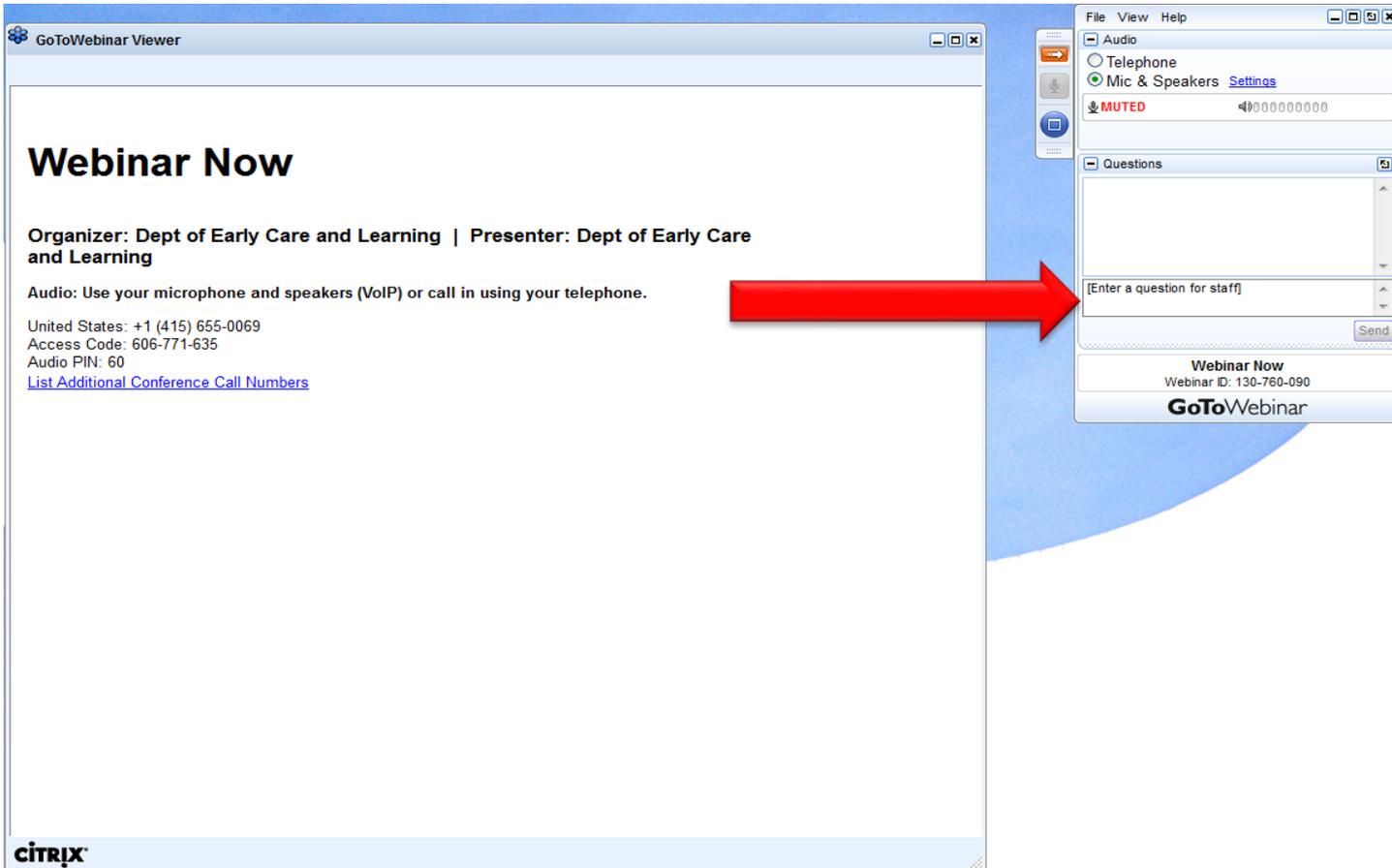


Your Feedback

- What is DECAL doing well?
- What is DECAL doing that could be improved?
- What is DECAL not doing that we should be doing?

Reminder

If you have questions or comments, please type them in by using the "Questions" feature



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Child Care Services Update

Kristie Lewis
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Child Care Services (as of June 2013)

- **# Child Care Licensed Facilities:**

- FDCH: 2,649
- CCLC: 3,003
- GDCH: 250

- **Total Capacity for Children:**

- FDCH: 15,894
- CCLC: 349,240
- GDCH: 3,877

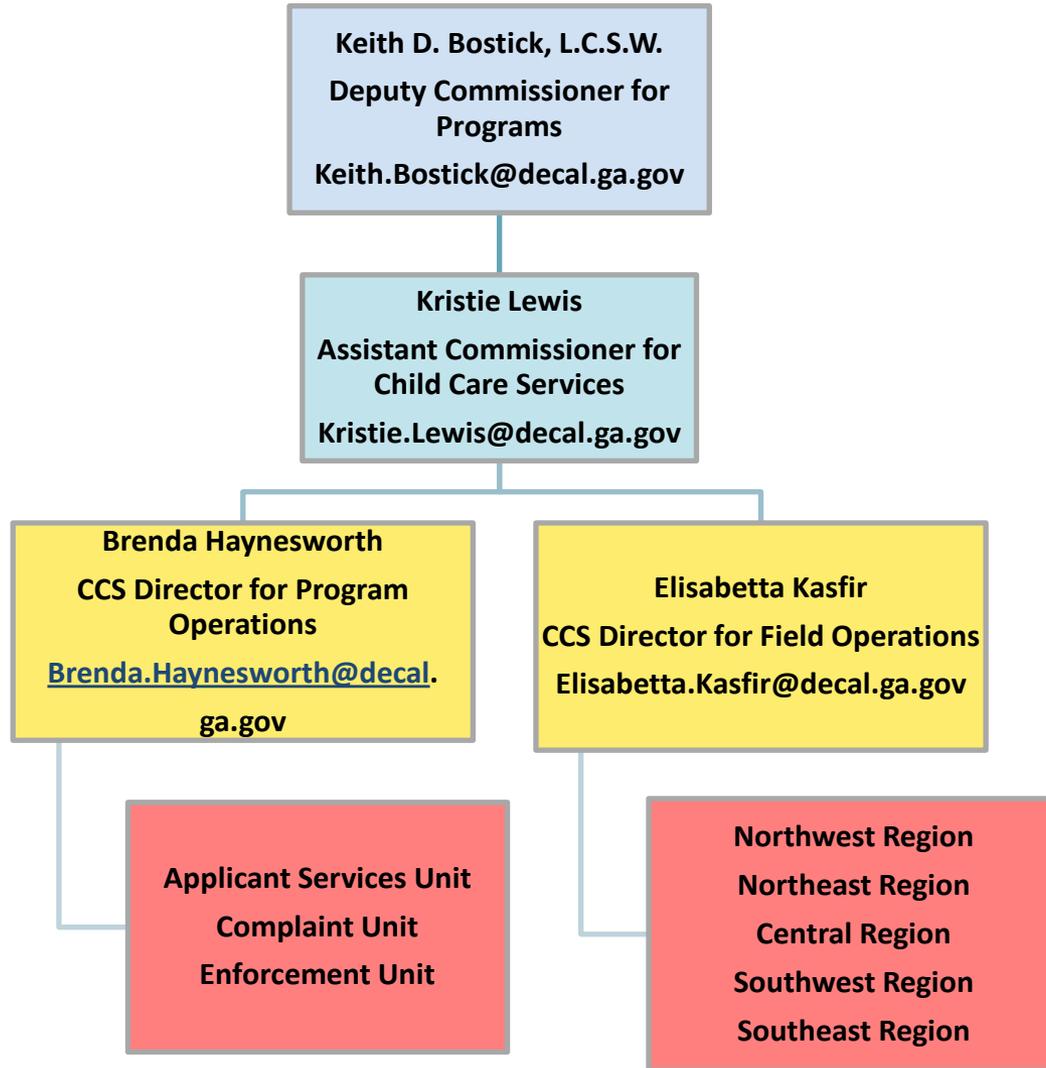
- **# of Visits (FY 13):**

- FDCH: 4,259
- CCLC: 7,056
- GDCH: 485

- **# of Enforcement Actions (FY 13):**

- Administrative: 161
- Incident / Injury: 117
- Continued Non-Compliance: 38
- Transportation: 254
- Emergency Closures: 19

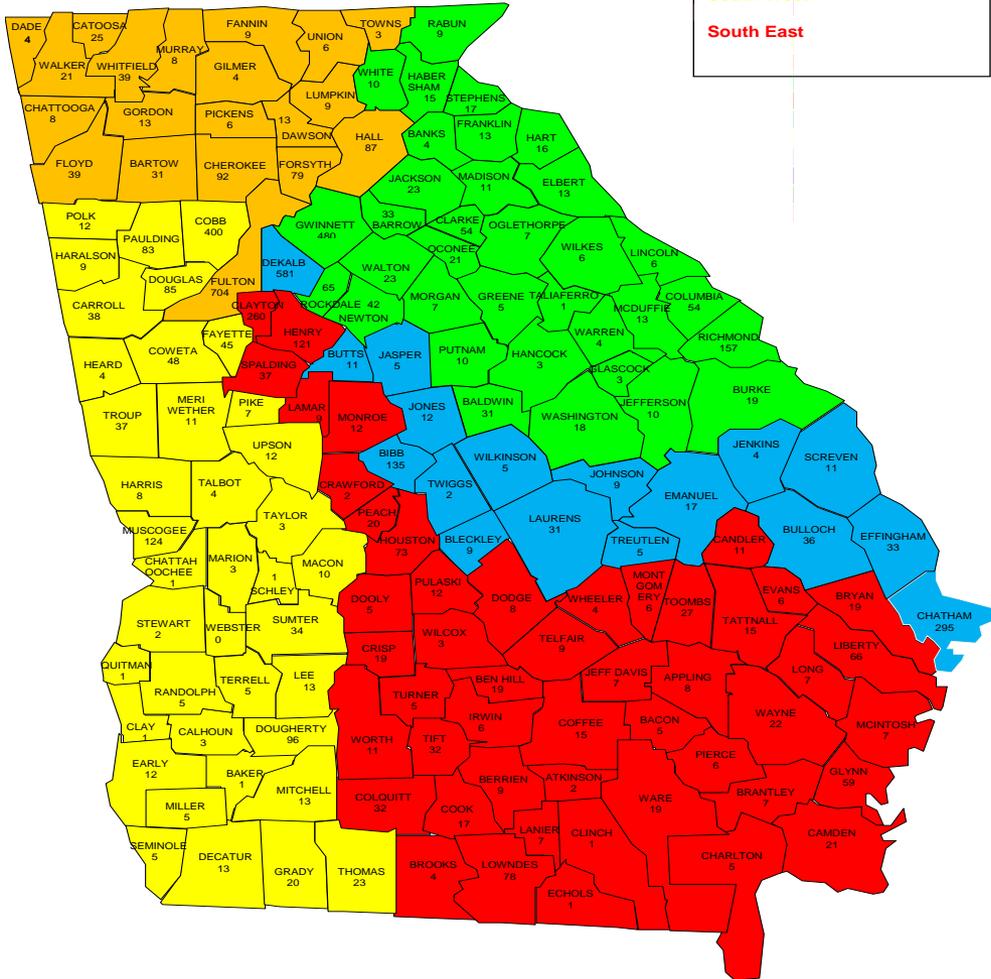
Child Care Services Leadership



Child Care Services Regions (FY14)

State of Georgia
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Map
FY 2013-2014
(Effective 7-1-2013)

North West
North East
Central
South West
South East



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Improving Health and Safety

House Bill 350/ACT 126

- Signed by Governor Deal on May 1, 2013 and became law on July 1, 2013
- Requires all directors and all employees of child care programs to have national fingerprint background check
- DECAL staff will be required to have the same background check
- Effective January 1, 2014 for new employees of child care programs
- Effective January 1, 2017 for existing employees
- Requires a re-check every five years

Improving Health and Safety *(continued)*

House Bill 354/ACT 32

- Signed into law on May 1, 2013
- Changes the number of unrelated children in care, for pay and not for pay, in Family Day Care Homes to at least three but not more than six children
- Does not affect the status of biological children or other related children in care



Quality Initiatives Update

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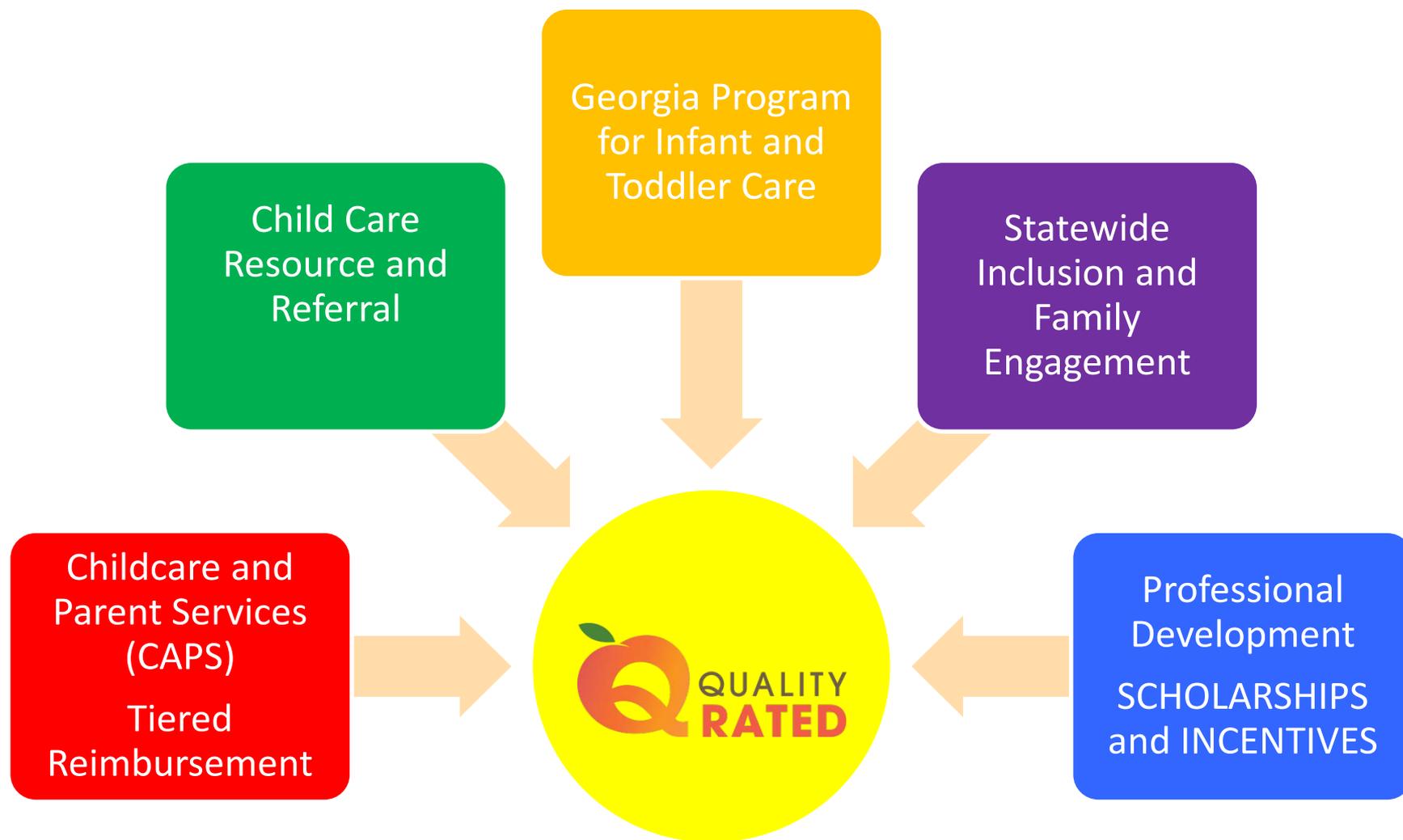


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Quality Initiatives



Quality Initiatives (continued)

- Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS)
 - CAPS Task Force
 - Quality Rated Tiered Reimbursement



**Childcare and Parent
Services**



Quality Initiatives (continued)

Quality Rated Tiered Reimbursement

- Tiered reimbursement is a bonus based on the number of Quality Rated stars
 - 1 Star = 2% quality bonus
 - 2 Stars = 5% quality bonus
 - 3 Stars = 10% quality bonus
- Quality bonus is based on the net CAPS reimbursement multiplied by x%
 - The net CAPS reimbursement is the state rate minus the family's assessed CAPS fee



Quality Initiatives (continued)

- Department of Human Services' Business Operations Process (BOP)
 - Phased in Implementation in 15 DHS Regions
 - Statewide Implementation by December 31
 - Toll-free number is 1-877-423-4742
 - Select option 2
 - Select option 2 again at the prompt
 - Provide zip code and select option 5 at the prompt
- DECAL CAPS Assistance
 - CAPS.Support@decals.ga.gov



Georgia's systemic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early education and school-age care programs.

Quality Rated Programs as of 8-7-13

	Not Rated	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	Total
Child Care Learning Centers	7	68	62	26	163
Family Day Care Homes	1	20	22	28	71
Group Day Care Homes	0	1	1	1	3
Other	0	1	0	1	2
Total	8	90	85	56	239

- Over 1,300 programs are participating in Quality Rated. These programs serve 104,411 of Georgia's children!

Quest for Quality Inclusion

- Statewide Inclusion Network
 - 10 Inclusion Coordinators
 - Located in Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
 - Professional Development
 - Support for Teachers, Directors and Families
 - Resources
 - Linkage to Services
- To locate the Inclusion Coordinators who serve your region, visit:
<http://www.decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/ProviderInclusion.aspx?CCS=1&source=green>



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Important Websites and Phone Numbers

- Georgia Dept. of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
 - www.decals.ga.gov
- Georgia Program and Infant and Toddler Care (GAPITC)
 - www.gapitc.org
- Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS)
 - www.gelds.decals.ga.gov
- Quality Rated
 - www.qualityrated.org or 877-ALL-GAKIDS (1-877-255-4254)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
 - <http://www.decals.ga.gov/Nutrition/CACFPHowtoApply.aspx>

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