



The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning provides essential services and resources to meet the needs of families, and to support the early learning community— all from one state agency wholly dedicated to the needs of our young ones. We are the primary resource for supporting high-quality, early education in Georgia.



Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program

CAPS supports eligible families in reaching self-sufficiency by providing scholarships to assist with the cost of child care while they work or attend school, by helping them find high quality early learning environments and connecting families with needed resources, and by employing two-generational strategies that support the whole family.

**www.caps.decal.ga.gov (for assistance visit *Contact Us* tab)
1-833-4GA-CAPS (1-833-442-2277)**



Child Care Services (CCS)

CCS is dedicated to ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment through child care licensing, monitoring, and professional development to support the growth and development of Georgia’s young children.

**www.decal.ga.gov/CCS
childcareservices@decal.ga.gov**



Georgia’s Pre-K Program

Georgia’s Pre-K Program is a lottery funded educational program that prepares four-year-old children for kindergarten. Since 1992, the program has served over 1.6 million children in high-quality learning environments.

**www.decal.ga.gov/PreK
1-877-ALL GA KIDS (1-877-255-4254)**



Nutrition Services

The Nutrition Services Division ensures children and adults throughout Georgia have access to nutritious meals through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). These programs help address the negative effects hunger has on an individual’s health, educational development and growth.

**www.decal.ga.gov/nutrition
404-657-1779**



Quality Rated Child Care

Georgia’s Quality Rated helps parents and caregivers find quality child care, preschool, and Pre-K programs by providing an independent, trustworthy resource.

**www.qualityrated.org
qualityrated@decal.ga.gov
1-877-ALL GA KIDS (1-877-255-4254)**

OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Head Start Collaboration Office

Head Start State Collaboration Office aims to foster partnerships between federally funded Head Start programs and other entities in the state to improve the quality of services to low income children.

www.dec.al.ga.gov/HeadStart

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404-651-7425



Inclusion and Behavior Support Services Unit

The Inclusion and Behavior Support Helpline provides early learning professionals and families with information and resources related to inclusion and social emotional development.

Inclusion and Behavior Support Helpline: 1(833) 354-4357

inclusion@dec.al.ga.gov



Infant Toddler Program

The Infant Toddler Program helps providers foster responsive and respectful relationships with children, implement language-rich environments, and meet the unique needs of each child.

www.dec.al.ga.gov/instructionalsupports

InfantToddler@dec.al.ga.gov

404-656-5957

Professional Learning

DECAL's Professional Learning Unit seeks to ensure that early learning professionals have opportunities to participate in high-quality training that provides them with knowledge and skills they can immediately apply in their classrooms.

www.gapds.dec.al.ga.gov

proflearning@dec.al.ga.gov

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Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning

The Georgia Foundation for Early Care and Learning leverages resources from private and public charitable sources to improve and expand early childhood education.

www.gaearlyed.org

404-548-5023



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