



# Georgia's Pre-K Program Director Update Webinar

July 31, 2012



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

## By the Numbers... 2011-2012 school year



- **Budgeted Slots:** 86,000
- **Allocated Slots:** 85,470
- **Current Enrollment:** 82,966
- **Fill Rate:** 96.47%
- **# of Classes:** 3,877
- **Waiting List:** 6,214



## By the Numbers... 2012-2013 school year



- **Slots: 84,000 statewide**
- **Classes: approximately 3,818**
- **School Calendar:**
  - 170 days budgeted for students
  - 179 days budgeted for teaching staff
- **Class Size: 22 students**



## Happy Anniversary Georgia's Pre-K!



- 2012-13 school year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Georgia's Pre-K Program
- Special events planned throughout the year
- Submit stories and photos to [20yrsofprek@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:20yrsofprek@dec.al.ga.gov)

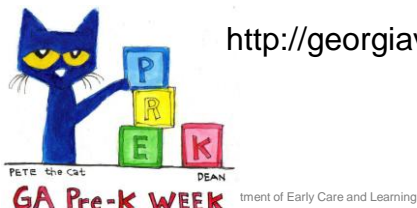


## Georgia's Pre-K Week



- October 1 - 5, 2012
- Sponsored by Voices for Georgia's Children to increase awareness about Georgia's Pre-K Program
- Targeting legislators, community leaders, civic leaders to visit Pre-K classrooms
- Additional information will be emailed to providers

<http://georgiavoices.org/>



## Guideline Changes



Overview of all changes highlighted in email sent to providers when guidelines were posted.

- Section 3:13: Attendance Procedures
- Section 6:9: Staff Hours
- Section 8:2: Donations for Classroom Supplies
- Section 8:3: Field Trip Donations
- Section 14:2: Short Term Subs
- Section 14:3: Long Term Subs
- Section 18:7: Fraudulent Reporting



## Updated Processes



- Calendar Approval
  - PANDA email with link to instructions for submission sent on July 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Submission due Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm
  
- Teacher Credentials
  - Update any teacher changes on the first roster
  - Register teachers in the Professional Development Registry ([www.pdr.dec.state.ga.us](http://www.pdr.dec.state.ga.us))
  - No need to submit Teacher Change Form (Appendix N) or credentials unless requested



## Roster Submission



- First Roster will open next week
  - Count Date: 9/12/12 Due Date: 9/19/12
- Additional verification screen in roster submission process regarding fraudulent reporting
- PANDA passwords
  - Make sure each PANDA user has a unique ID and password
  - Project Director is responsible for submitting rosters
- January count date is a Saturday
  - Providers can't enter any dates after the count date so they will enter all changes as of Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>



## Reconciliation Reports



- Reconciliation report has been updated to include a comment box.
- Directions and help files have also been revised.
- Reconciliation reports must be submitted in PANDA by COB on September 30<sup>th</sup> for ALL providers.
- An email will be sent when your report is ready to be completed in PANDA.



## Training 2012-2013 Director Training



- Update Webinars – scheduled throughout the year
- New Director training- August 20-21, Macon
- Off to A Good Start: Supporting Teachers
  - Recorded July 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Available on [www.decal.ga.gov](http://www.decal.ga.gov) under *Pre-K/Training/Recorded Webinars/2012-13*
- Other webinars and face to face training will be offered throughout the year, dates/ times will be released late August
- Work Sampling Online sites
  - Online WSO Director Course required



## Training 2012-2013 Teacher Training



- This year Project Directors will be contacted by their Pre-K Consultant to assist in formulating individual teachers and site training plans.
- Appendix X will assist in planning for your teacher training. Your consultant will assist in completion and submission.
- Please do not register your teachers for any training until you have been directed to do so by your Pre-K Consultant.



## Training 2012-2013 Teacher Training



- **New Lead Teacher Institute (NLTI)**
  - *Off to a Good Start!* lesson plans printed for new teachers
  - Mandatory for all new Pre-K teachers
- **New Lead Teacher Institute 2 (NLT12)**
  - Designed especially for 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers focusing on lesson planning and instruction
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year New Lead Teachers = any teacher who attended New Lead Teacher training last school year



## Training 2012-2013 Teacher Training



- **Returning Lead Teachers**
  - Options
    - Behavior Management (online course)
    - Go Outside and Play! (2 day module)
    - Race to the Top Training (if applicable)
    - Locally Developed Training Plan approved by consultant



## Training 2012-2013 Teacher Training



- **Work Sampling Online (WSO)**
  - Teachers new to WSO
    - One day face to face WSO training required
  - Teachers who have been previously training and have utilized WSO
    - Online WSO Refresher Course required



## Training 2012-2013 Assistant Teachers



- **New Assistant Teacher Institute (NTI)**
  - Required for new assistant teachers
  - 2 day face to face module
- **Returning Assistant Teachers**
  - Required for returning assistant teachers
  - 2 day face to face module



## Training 2012-2013 Race to the Top Evaluation Regions



- Chatham
- Gwinnett
- Clayton, Spalding
- Muscogee, Meriwether
- Ben Hill, Pulaski, Dougherty (private sites only),  
Valdosta City Schools, Lowndes (private sites only)

NOTE: All other Race to the Top Counties/Districts follow the procedures as the rest of the state

RT3 webinar: August 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm





## Pre-K Assessment Updates - WSO



- 81% of Pre-K Programs participating this year
- 3,141 total classrooms on Work Sampling Online
- 100% of classrooms online by 2013-14
- Beginning this year, teachers are NOT required to collect data for Personal/Social or Physical/Health indicators.
- All 55 indicators still need to be rated.

Pre-K Assessment Coordinator: Deanna Hibbard

Questions? Email: [prekassessment@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:prekassessment@dec.al.ga.gov)



## Pre-K Longitudinal Study



- Study is officially sponsored by DECAL and participation is required as a condition of your Pre-K Grant Agreement.
- DECAL commissioned FPG Child Development Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill to conduct the study.
- Participating programs and children are guaranteed confidentiality.



## Pre-K Longitudinal Study



- Year One:
  - Data collection is almost complete. This includes child assessments, classroom observations, and teacher/parent surveys.
  - Results will be released in the Fall with a full report expected before the New Year.
  - Survey regarding Pre-K enrollment practices and wait list procedures has been distributed to all Project Directors.



## Pre-K Longitudinal Study



- Year Two:
  - Year Two data collection will include a Kindergarten and Pre-K sample
  - Not all providers are selected. A random sample was selected.
  - Researchers may request information, such as parent names and addresses, from some Project Directors. This is to contact families directly.
  - Releasing information to FPG for use for research purposes is NOT a violation of either HIPAA or FERPA.



## Additional Research Studies



- Race to the Top
- Director and Teacher Focus Groups/Surveys
- Standards Alignment Study
- State Advisory Council Projects



## PK-12 Longitudinal Data System (LDS)



- Georgia Testing Identification Number (GTID) is assigned to all students who attend GA Pre-K's program
- Beginning this year, Pre-K assessment data for students served in WSO classrooms last year will be electronically transferred to the LDS
  - BOEs will have access to assessment data for the following domains:
    - Language Arts
    - Math
    - Personal/Social
    - Fine Motor indicators in Physical/Health domain



## Resources



- Director Webinars
- Website
- Teacher Wednesday Webinars
- Consultants Support
- Newsletters
  - Director
  - WSO
  - Teacher

Newsletter ideas, articles about teachers, photos, should be submitted to  
[prenewsletterideas@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:prenewsletterideas@dec.al.ga.gov)



## Questions?

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