

## Georgia's Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Grant January 2016 Newsletter

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### Georgia's Early Learning Challenge Progress in 2015

Last year was a busy and productive year for Georgia's Early Learning Challenge grant, and the end of 2015 marked the half way point of the four year grant period. Georgia made tremendous progress in its goals and is looking forward to a productive 2016 to continue to better serve Georgia's youngest learners. See some of what we accomplished in 2015 below!

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#### 2015 IN REVIEW:

# GEORGIA'S EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE GRANT

**In December 2013, Georgia was awarded a \$51.7M Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge grant. Over the four year grant period, Georgia will create an early learning agenda that builds and strengthens current early learning and development systems. See how Georgia progressed in meeting these goals in the grant's second year!**

## 1 WORKFORCE SUPPORTS



The Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) assisted in paying for **889** early childhood education credentials and degrees.

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## 2 EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS



DECAL printed **20,000** Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS) Teacher Toolboxes. Each toolbox targets a specific age and includes thousands of developmentally appropriate standards-based activities.

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## 3 INCREASING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE



**451** new child care programs became Quality Rated.  
**11,214** children who receive child care subsidy were served in Quality Rated programs receiving tiered subsidy reimbursement based on star level.

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## 4 SUPPORTING FAMILIES

A child care center-based home visiting program was established in each of Georgia's four Early Education Empowerment Zones.





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