



# Nutrition Services Advisory Committee April 27, 2012

**Bobby D. Cagle, MSW, Commissioner**  
**Bright from the Start:**  
**Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**

# AGENDA



- **Welcome and Meeting Purpose**
- **Goals and Objectives of the DECAL Advisory Network**
- **Nutrition Services Program Overview**
- **Wrap Up and Next Steps**



# Goals and Objectives of the Advisory Network



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



# Meeting Information



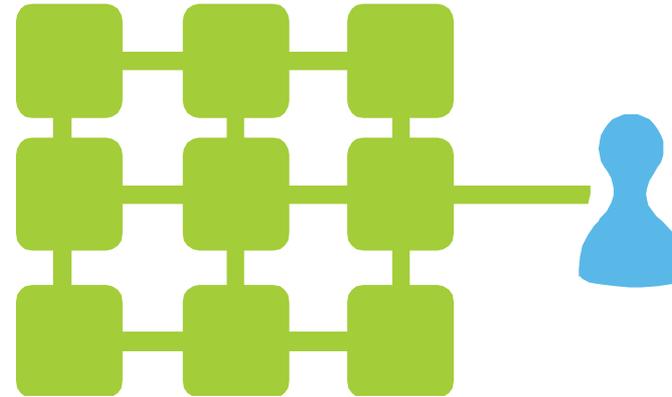
- **Two meetings per year and as needed**
  - Held via conference calls and webinars
- **Subcommittees** will be formed to address specific issues facing DECAL
- **Term:** One year



# DECAL Advisory Network

- **Georgia's Pre-K Program**

- Superintendents
- Directors/Principals (Public)
- Directors/Owners (Private)
- Teachers
- Parents



- **Child Care Services**

- Directors/Owners (Child Care Center, Family/Group Day Care Home)

- **Quality Initiatives**

- Quality Rated
- Infant/Toddler Network

- **Faith Based Programs**

- **Philanthropy**

- **Nutrition Services**

- **Business**





# Expectations for Departmental Stakeholder Engagement

**A wide variety of stakeholders will be consulted before major changes occur in regulation, policy, or agency practice.**

- Providers
- Consumers
- Advocacy Organizations
- Provider Organizations



# Nutrition Services Updates



## Organized to better support CACFP and SFSP Participants

- **Policies, Budgets, and Adverse Actions**  
Director – Lou Brienza
- **Outreach, Training, and Applications**  
Program Manager – Falita Flowers
- **Monitoring, TA, and Nutrition Education**  
Program Manager – Marissa Hamm



# Nutrition Services Initiatives



## Outreach, Training, and Applications

- Actively building statewide partnerships
- Continuing to improve and streamline operations
- Strengthening program integrity



# Technical Assistance and Monitoring



- **Reviews**  
Identify concerns and ensure compliance
- **Technical Assistance visits**  
Share best practices and available resources
- **Investigations**  
Identify program integrity and non-compliance
- **Follow up visits**  
Ensure implementation of effective corrective action to sustain compliance





# Nutrition Education Initiatives

- **Early Care Work Group**

Collaborate with the Dept. of Public Health to improve lifelong eating and physical activity among children (0-5), families, and caregivers

- **Team Nutrition Grants**

2005–Healthy Eating for Life Website

2009 & 2011–Caregivers Promoting Healthy Habits

- 89 centers committed to wellness policies and related activities for a one-year period
- Award \$2,000-\$3,000 mini-grants per center to implement activities



# CACFP Trends and Indicators



- FY2009  
82,181,466 meals at 4,116 sites
- FY2010  
83,272,134 meals at 4,394 sites
- FY2011  
80,359,270 meals at 4,601 sites
- FY2012\*  
38,507,303 meals at 4,700 sites

\*Claim data as of February 2012





# Questions and Feedback

# Looking for Your Feedback



How can we better serve you?





# Wrap Up and Next Steps

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