



DECAL Stakeholder Network

Georgia's Pre-K Directors and Owners (Private) Advisory Committee Meeting

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AGENDA

- Welcome
- DECAL Stakeholder Engagement and Advisory Network
- Departmental Priorities
- Georgia's Pre-K Update
- Wrap Up and Next Steps



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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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?
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Georgia's Pre-K Program

Georgia's Pre-K Update

Susan Adams
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Pre-K Quality Study: Key Findings

- Children exhibited **significant growth** during their Pre-K year in language, literacy, math, and behavioral skills. This shows that Pre-K is focusing on all the skills that children need as they enter Kindergarten.
- As a universal program, Georgia's Pre-K Program can offer a **beneficial experience** for all children, regardless of their income.
- Overall, these findings clearly support that Georgia's Pre-K Program enhances skills that help prepare children for Kindergarten.

Pre-K Quality Study: Year 2

- Sample from last school year included a comparison group of children
- Data collected to compare children who attended Pre-K and children who did not attend Pre-K
- Results should be available in January 2014

Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)

- CLASS measures the interactions between teachers and children (both the lead and the assistant)
- Pre-K is gathering data for research and professional development (Not an evaluation of the Pre-K teachers)
 - Instructional Support Domain scores have increased 11.82%!
 - CLASS reports are available to directors in PANDA.
- Classrooms are randomly selected for an observation.

Pre-K by the Numbers : FY2014

- Providers: 867
- Sites: 1,804
- Classes: 3,822*
- Slots Funded: 84,000*
- Slots Allocated: 84,084*

*Additional classes may be awarded depending on data and availability of funding.

Updates for 2013-2014

- Increase in 10 instructional days – 180 for children and 188 for teachers
- No change in class size of 22 students
- New and expansion classes awarded

Project Director Resource Page

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/Prek/ProjectDirectors.aspx>



The screenshot shows the website interface for Project Directors. At the top, there is a banner with the logo and the quote: "Meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children and their families." Below the banner is a navigation menu with options: Home, About Us, Pre-K, Child Care, Nutrition, Head Start, and Quality Initiatives. On the left side, there is a vertical menu with various links, including "Project Directors" which is currently selected. The main content area is titled "Project Directors" and contains a search bar, a description of the role, a list of resources, and a "Back to School Resource List" with 15 numbered items. On the right side, there is a "Facility Health, Safety & Quality Reports" section with a "View Now" button, and an "At Your Service..." section with a list of links and a dropdown menu.

Project Directors

Project directors are responsible for appropriately implementing Georgia's Pre-K Program. Many resources are available on this website to assist directors in effectively managing their program and in making quality improvements to the Pre-K classroom.

As you begin a new Pre-K year, we have put together a list of important items and/or documents that will help you get started and set the stage for a smooth school year.

Back to School Resource List:

1. Operating Guidelines
2. Teacher Orientation and Parent Orientation Tips
3. Pre-K Parent Orientation Video
4. Student File Checklist (see document below)
5. Training Descriptions (see document below)
6. Back to School Newsletter
7. Pre-K Family Handbook
8. Off to a Good Start
9. Lesson Plan Templates
10. GELDS Website and GELDS Printable Documents
11. GELDS Pre-K Administrator Webinar
12. GELDS Pre-K Teacher Webinar
13. WSO Webinar
14. WSO/GELDS Correlations (see document below)
15. Behavior Management Form

Documents | Recorded Webinars

Student File Checklist
Training Descriptions
WSO/GELDS Correlations

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Facility Health, Safety & Quality Reports

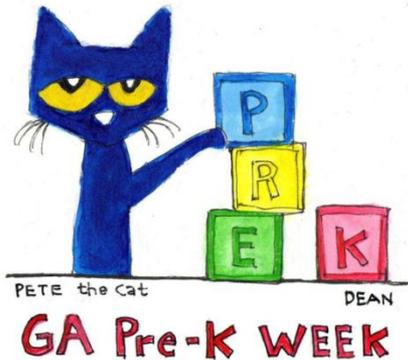
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Georgia's Pre-K Week

- September 30th – October 4th
- Sponsored by Voices for Georgia's Children to increase awareness about Georgia's Pre-K Program
- Highlighting Quality Rated Programs and birth to 3rd grade models
- Targeting legislators, community leaders, civic leaders to visit Pre-K classrooms

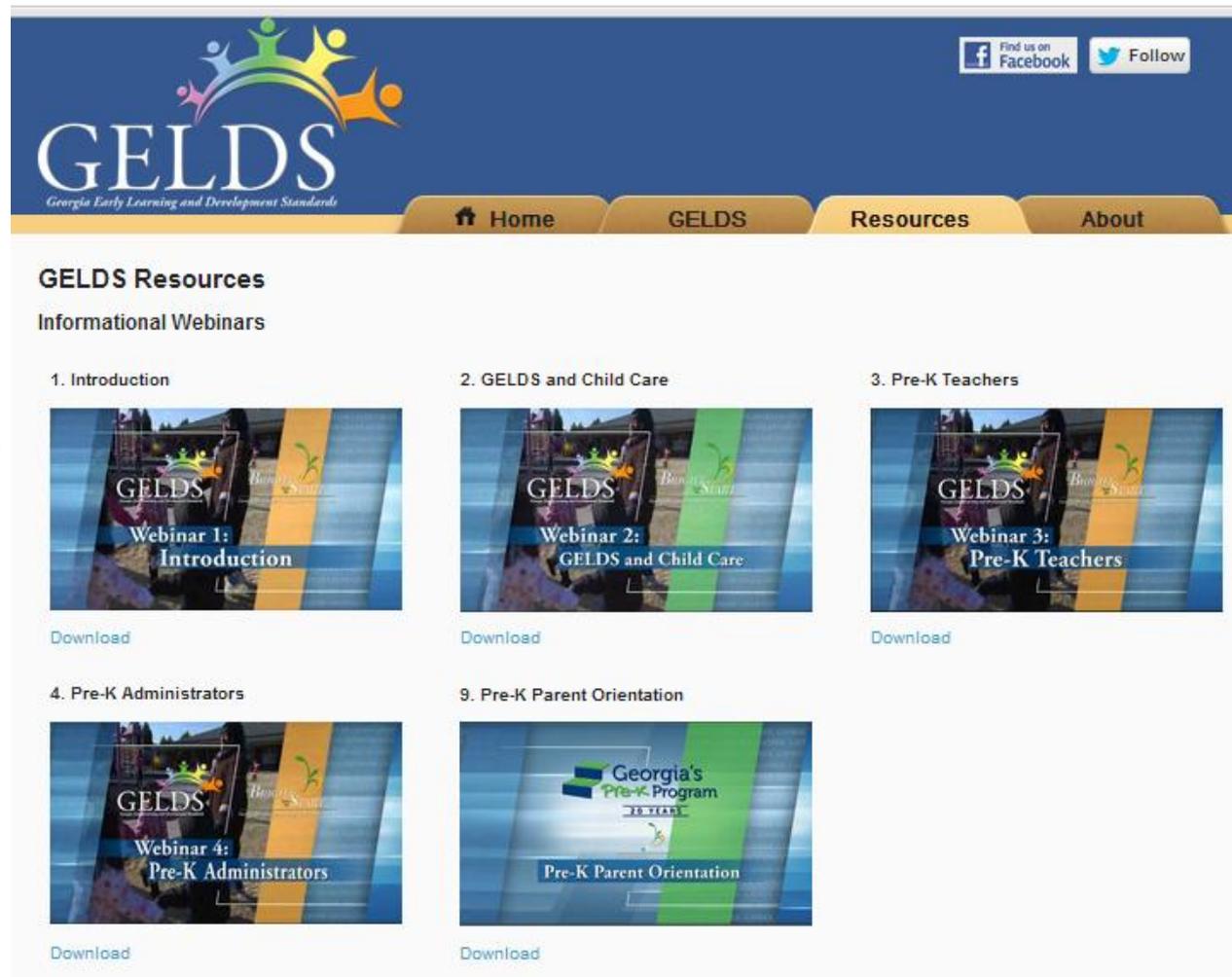


GELDS Update

- The Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS) are finalized and ready to be used.
- DECAL is encouraging programs to use the GELDS this upcoming year even though it is not required. Pre-K classes will be required to use the GELDS during the 2014-2015 school year.
- All teachers, assistant teachers, and administrators will be trained on the GELDS this school year.

On the website, you will find:

- Introduction TO GELDS video
- Pre-K Administrator video
- Pre-K Teacher video
- Pre-K Parent Orientation video
- Printable GELDS documents including correlations



The screenshot shows the GELDS website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the GELDS logo (Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards) and social media links for Facebook and Twitter. Below the header is a navigation menu with buttons for Home, GELDS, Resources, and About. The main content area is titled "GELDS Resources" and "Informational Webinars". It displays five webinar thumbnails, each with a "Download" link below it:

- 1. Introduction (Webinar 1: Introduction)
- 2. GELDS and Child Care (Webinar 2: GELDS and Child Care)
- 3. Pre-K Teachers (Webinar 3: Pre-K Teachers)
- 4. Pre-K Administrators (Webinar 4: Pre-K Administrators)
- 9. Pre-K Parent Orientation (Georgia's Pre-K Program 20 Years Pre-K Parent Orientation)

- All Pre-K directors and teachers will receive GELDS posters, wall clings, and a resource book this fall.



Assessment Update

- All Pre-K classes will use Work Sampling Online (WSO)
- New WSO User Interface
 - Changes based on teacher feedback
 - More user friendly
 - Fewer clicks! Quicker and Easier!
 - Compatible with tablets
- Revised WSS indicators
 - Based on teacher feedback and national review
 - Better aligned with standards
 - More indicators in science and social studies

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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>
- Pre-K Assessment
 - PreKAssessment@decals.ga.gov

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