

Projects to Accomplish Georgia's Early Learning Challenge Agenda

Successful State Systems

Project 1: Grant Management

Key Activities: *Oversee the Early Learning Challenge agenda.*

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: All agencies on the Children's Cabinet

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Project 2: Early Education

Empowerment Zones (E³Zs)

Key Activities: *Identify four empowerment zones for additional services for children with high needs. Improve ELD infrastructure, Improve ELD quality.*

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: Department of Community Affairs*, Department of Economic Development

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High Quality, Accountable Programs

Project 3: Quality Rated Access and Availability

Key Activities: *Revise Quality Rated Standards. Create new incentives for providers to raise quality and parents to choose quality.*

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: DOE, Department of Public Health, GPB*

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Promoting Early Learning Outcomes

Project 5: Early Learning and Development Standards

Key Activities: *Develop training and resources for all stakeholders in the tiers of the professional development hierarchy.*

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: DOE, GPB, TCSG, USG

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Measuring Outcomes and Progress

Project 6: Comprehensive Assessment System

Key Activities: *Identify set of common child assessments with professional development and policy guidelines.*

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: TCSG, USG, Department of Public Health, DOE

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Project 7: Statewide Family Engagement and Community Grants

Key Activities:

Revise Quality Rated Family Engagement Standards. GELDS awareness campaign to families.

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: Family Connection Partnership

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Project 4: Quality Rated Validation

Key Activities: *Validate levels of quality and validate impact of Quality Rated on children's development and growth.*

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: GOSA*

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Great Workforce

Project 9: Workforce Knowledge and Competencies

Key Activities: *Revise Georgia's Workforce Knowledge and Competency Framework. Increase articulation agreements.*

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: PSC*, GPB*, TCSG, USG, AEAH

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Project 8: Supporting Families through Center-Based Home Visitation and in Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care

Key Activities:

Implement center-based home visitation in E³Zs. Targeted professional development to Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers

Lead Agency: Governor's Office for Children and Families

Participating Agencies: DECAL*

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Project 11: Kindergarten Entry Assessment

Key Activities: *Augment Georgia's current formative assessment to implement a Kindergarten Entry Profile.*

Lead Agency: DOE*

Participating Agencies: DECAL

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Project 10: Supporting Early Educators

Key Activities: *Expand Scholarships Program and Incentives Program. Implement Georgia Professional Development Hierarchy.*

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: Technical College System, Board of Regents, Professional Standards Commission

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Project 12: Unified Data System

Key Activities: *Expand the quantity and quality of data collected. Create entry points for providers to enter and use data. Facilitate greater family engagement by making data more readily available at the program and child level.*

Lead Agency: DECAL*

Participating Agencies: DOE, Department of Human Services*, Department of Public Health*, Governor's Office for Children and Families

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