



## BRIGHT FROM THE START

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Dear Parent:

I am excited to announce that the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) has created the Supporting Onsite Learning for Virtual Education (SOLVE) Program to support families of children enrolled in school systems that have adopted a virtual-only learning model. SOLVE is designed to help families access out of home care while their child is engaged in virtual learning. If you qualify, SOLVE will provide financial support so that your child can receive support and supervision during the school day at an approved child care provider.

To qualify for a SOLVE Scholarship, you must meet four requirements:

- Your child must be between the ages of 5 and 12 (kindergarten through grade 7).
- Your child must attend a school system that is offering only virtual learning.
- Your family income may not exceed 85% of the state median income (SMI).
- You must be involved in an approved activity, such as working, attending school, or a combination of the two.

You can apply for a SOLVE Scholarship through the Georgia Gateway System at <https://gateway.ga.gov/access/>. Eligibility will be verified by CAPS staff, and families must select a provider when they apply. You may receive a SOLVE Scholarship for any eligible child.

You will need to identify an eligible provider that offers full-time care for school-age children. Eligible providers can be found at <http://qualityrated.org>. You may also call 1-877-ALL-GA-KIDS and speak to a referral specialist who can help you find a provider. Additional information about SOLVE can be found at the following address: <http://www.decals.ga.gov/CAPS/Solve.aspx>. This website also includes information about income eligibility and approved activity requirements. You can also email us at [solve@decals.ga.gov](mailto:solve@decals.ga.gov) with any questions.

All of us at the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) recognize the challenges you face during this health emergency. We hope the SOLVE Scholarship Program will be helpful to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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DECAL Commissioner