



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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Dear Early Education Partner,

As Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), I am writing to invite you to a Stakeholder Community Meeting relating to the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program. Last fall, DECAL announced some changes relating to eligibility for CAPS. Soon after that announcement, we decided to postpone most of those changes until we had an opportunity to hear from families and stakeholders affected by the changes.

We want to hear from you as a child care provider, an early care and education advocate, a business or philanthropic entity or another stakeholder interested in the well-being of children and families. Your participation will help inform Georgia's plan to maximize access to quality child care; comply with the necessary federal guidelines; and ensure minimal disruption of services to children, families, and providers.

During these meetings, we will share DECAL's vision, provide information on the CAPS program, learn more about your community's needs for supporting young children, and gather feedback on CAPS funding models. Your feedback is essential to our mutual success.

(FYI: DECAL has also scheduled a separate series of meetings for families participating in the CAPS program to solicit their feedback about the program and about ways DECAL can serve them more effectively.)

The Stakeholder Community Meetings are scheduled as follows:

**February 7, 2017**

**6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.**

Anderson Conference Center – ACC Ballroom

5171 Eisenhower Parkway

Macon, GA 31206

478-471-4389

ACC Ballroom

General Directions: <http://www.andersonconferencecenter.com/location.da>

*\*Conference center is on the left at the Goodwill Career Center, across the street from Middle Georgia State College*

**February 23, 2017**

**6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.**

Georgia Piedmont Technical College  
495 North Indian Creek Road  
Clarkston, GA 30021  
404-297-9522 x 1800

Conference Center at GPTC – Room 13/14

General Directions: [http://www.gptc.edu/docs/busind/dcc\\_Directions.pdf](http://www.gptc.edu/docs/busind/dcc_Directions.pdf)

Parking is located underneath, behind, and in front of the building.

*\*Enter the lobby for signage and additional directions*

We encourage you to register for the community meeting you wish to attend by going to:

*Macon:* <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caps-community-meeting-macon-registration-31522649092>

*Clarkston:* <https://caps-community-meeting-dekalb-registration.eventbrite.com>

If you have any questions about these meetings, contact DECAL at [CAPSQuestions@decalf.ga.gov](mailto:CAPSQuestions@decalf.ga.gov). We continue to appreciate our partnership with you and we thank you for all you do on behalf of children and families in your communities. We look forward to seeing you in February.

Sincerely,



Amy M. Jacobs  
Commissioner