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**DECAL Announces 2020 Two-Generation Innovation Grant Opportunity**

*Funding will help communities pilot and implement programs  
that promote family economic security*

**ATLANTA, Ga., (March 13, 2020)** – The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) today announced that applications for the 2020 Two-Generation Innovation Grants (TGIG) are now available to communities across the state that are focused on strategies to support educational access for children and parents, and financial stability for families.

Communities can apply for two funding opportunities under TGIG—Capacity Building Grants and Implementation Funding Grants. The Grants support effective strategies that advance a two-generation (two-gen) approach to fostering family economic self-sufficiency by connecting children from families with low income to high-quality early learning opportunities, while supporting their parents in attaining postsecondary education, training, and, ultimately, good-paying jobs.

“DECAL is pleased to offer these grants, which encourage adoption of two-gen strategies that have far-reaching impacts on children, parents, and communities,” said Amy M. Jacobs, DECAL Commissioner. “By leveraging Georgia’s Quality Rated child care system and first-rate postsecondary and workforce training institutions to build community networks that enable families to advance educationally and thrive financially, these initiatives will generate long-term economic benefits for Georgia’s economy as well, making them a win-win for all involved.”

The Capacity-Building Grants, funded at \$10,000 each, will give recipients the opportunity to explore two-gen policy change and programming in their area and are designed for communities that are just beginning collaborative efforts focused on such strategies and projects. The Implementation Funding Grants, funded at \$25,000 each, will be awarded to communities with an established group of partners already effectively collaborating with child care, postsecondary, and workforce systems to advance two-gen policies and programming.

DECAL intends to award up to three (3) Capacity-Building grants, and three (3) Implementation grants in this funding cycle. All non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and governmental entities are eligible to apply, with applications due on April 10, 2020, at 5 p.m. To review eligibility information and access the 2020-2021 TGIG application, please visit:

[http://dec.al.ga.gov/documents/attachments/TGIGGrantApplication\\_2020-2021.pdf](http://dec.al.ga.gov/documents/attachments/TGIGGrantApplication_2020-2021.pdf)

### **About DECAL**

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia's Pre-K Program; licenses child care centers and home-based child care; administers Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program and federal nutrition programs; and manages Quality Rated, Georgia's community-powered child care rating system.

The department also houses the Head Start State Collaboration Office, distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care, and works collaboratively with Georgia child care resource and referral agencies and organizations throughout the state to enhance early care and education. For more information, go to [www.dec.al.ga.gov](http://www.dec.al.ga.gov).