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DECAL Presents Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Years 2017-2020

Officials Discuss Agency's Strategic Goals for Next Four Years

ATLANTA, Ga., (June 24, 2016) – Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) recently presented webinars dealing with the agency's strategic plan for state fiscal years 2017-2020. The department's executive team drafted the key elements of the plan which were reviewed and explained during the webinars. "This plan is critical to our work as it lays out the department's direction for the next four years," said Commissioner Amy M. Jacobs. To access a replay of the webinar, please go to <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/BftS/StrategicPlan.aspx> on the DECAL website.

About Bright from the Start

Bright from the Start: 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, 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.