



## *DECAL Stakeholder Advisory Network*

# Nutrition Services Advisory Committee

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# AGENDA

- Welcome
- Stakeholder Engagement and Advisory Network
- DECAL Priorities
- DECAL Programs Update
- Nutrition Services Update
- Wrap Up and Next Steps



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# DECAL Stakeholder Advisory Network

- Launched January 2012
- Made up of 10 committees
- Engages over 200 Georgia citizens interested in early childhood education and care
- Fosters improved communication with the community

# Advisory Network Goals and Objectives

- Provide targeted stakeholders with the opportunity to speak directly with me on a regular basis
- Identify and discuss the impact of statewide trends
- Inform the department of local issues with DECAL programs
- Provide feedback on proposed program and rule changes

# Your Feedback

- What is DECAL doing well?
- What is DECAL doing that could be improved?
- What is DECAL not doing that we should be doing?

# Departmental Priorities

- **Health and Safety**

- Promote safe and healthy early care and learning programs

- **Quality**

- Improve quality of early care and learning programs

- **Organizational Excellence**

- Foster organizational excellence through stakeholder engagement, enterprise solutions, and workforce development





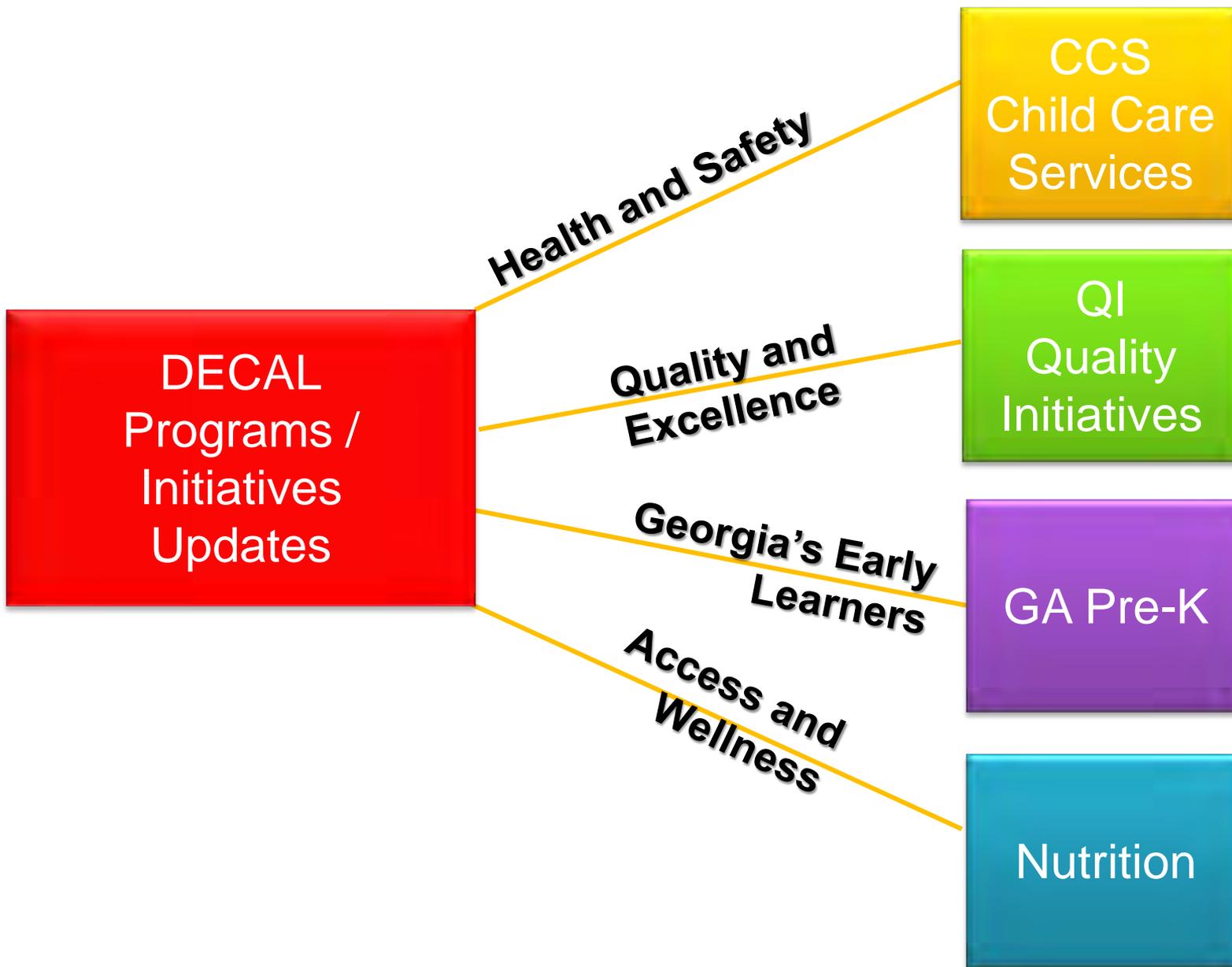
# DECAL Programs Update

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# *Reminder*

If you have questions or comments, type them in using the chat feature.





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# Nutrition Services The Year in Review

# Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- Outreach to over 1,600 organizations
- 760 agreements with over 4,395 sites in 153 counties
- CACFP facilities served more than 57 million meals
- 255 compliance reviews completed
- 484 technical assistance visits
- Counties currently without CACFP meal service:
  - Crawford
  - Quitman
  - Talbot
  - Taliaferro
  - Union
  - Webster

# Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- Outreach to over 650 organizations
- 3,000 feeding sites in 151 counties
- DECAL sponsors have served more than 1.5 million meals in first 6 weeks of summer 2013
- 28 new feeding sites 2012 targeted counties
- Counties currently without SFSP meal service:
  - Forsyth
  - Haralson
  - Heard
  - Oconee
  - Quitman
  - Schley
  - Stewart
  - Webster

# Outreach, Training, Applications, and Compliance

- Actively Building Statewide Partnerships
- Continuing to Improve and Streamline Operations
- Strengthening Program Integrity
- Provide Specialized Technical Assistance

# Nutrition Education

- Goal: Reduce childhood obesity in Georgia
- Awarded two USDA Team Nutrition grants
- Caregivers Promoting Healthy Habits Program
- Participants implemented wellness policies to promote good nutrition and physical activity
  - **87 child care centers**
  - **About 8,000 children and families**
  - **40 training events reaching over 425**  
different early care and education  
professionals

# What's Next in Nutrition

- CACFP 2014 Renewal
- Upcoming Events
  - Annual Training Registration
    - August 1, 2013
  - Annual Training and Annual Requirements
    - August 15, 2013

# What's Next in Nutrition

- Specialized Technical Assistance and Guidance
  - Developing and Submitting Annual Budgets
    - August 15, 2013
  - Procurement Requirements and Compliance
    - September 2013
- Promoting Healthy Eating and Food Preparation
  - “More than Mud Pies” Training
    - July-September 2013

# Goals for 2014

- Program Expansion and Accessibility
  - Increase access to CACFP and SFSP feeding sites in all 159 counties
  - Seamless transition from SFSP to CACFP-At Risk After School Meal Program
- Paperwork Reduction Initiatives
  - Electronic application submissions for new CACFP applicants
  - Web-based, electronic CACFP Compliance Review Checklists and Corrective Action submissions

# If you have a question about...

- **Training Information and Registration, call:**
  - Leslie Truman 404-657-1779
  - Taquella Austin 404-463-2317
- **New Application Completion/Status, call:**
  - Demetria Thornton 404-463-2182
  - Paula Lawrence 404-463-2111
- **Application Updates/Revisions, call:**
  - Christy McCray 404-651-7191
  - Takisha Aragones 404-463-1494

# If you have a question about...

- Budget Requirements, Financial Management, or Procurement, call:
  - Angie Knight 404-656-3221
- Compliance Reviews and Policy, call:
  - Meggan Hemans-Reese 404-651-7192
  - Sonja Adams 404-651-8193
  - Maria Reznik 404-651-7181

# Questions & Comments



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# Important Websites and Phone Numbers

- **Georgia Dept. of Early Care and Learning**
  - [www.dec.state.ga.us](http://www.dec.state.ga.us)
- **Summer Food Services Program (SFSP)**
  - [www.dec.state.ga.us/BftS/SFSPBecomingASponsor.aspx](http://www.dec.state.ga.us/BftS/SFSPBecomingASponsor.aspx)
- **Quality Rated**
  - [www.qualityrated.org](http://www.qualityrated.org) or 877-ALL-GAKIDS
- **Georgia Program for Infant and Toddler Care (GAPITC)**
  - [www.gapitc.org](http://www.gapitc.org)
- **Georgia residents can apply for child care subsidies online using Georgia COMPASS**
  - [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov)

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