

August Friday Email Blast

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Directors,

General Supervision and Implementation Training registration ended on Monday, July 30th. Please submit additional inquiries to Mrs. Tamyka Davis (tadavis@doe.k12.ga.us) who can assist you with this task. Attached to the email blast, you will find three implementation manual chapters to support implementation of Child Find, Evaluation/Reevaluation, and Special Education Eligibility. The [Implementation Manual webpage](#) has been updated with this information, as well.

Check & Connect – State Supported Intervention Opportunity:

If your district is registered to participate in one of the August Check & Connect trainings, please see the update regarding training locations for the two-day mentor trainings below. The schedule for each date is 8:30am – 3:30pm:

- August 27-28 - Macon Marriott City Center (Macon)
- August 30-31 - Macon Marriott City Center (Macon)

Spaces are still available for districts to participate in Check & Connect training if they are planning to implement during the 2018-2019 school year. Check & Connect Preparation and Implementation Training will be held at the GaDOE on **September 6, 2018** from 8:30-3:30. This is a requirement for all districts intending to send personnel to be trained as mentors. Districts who wish to implement Check & Connect should register **two** district administrators or leadership personnel for the Preparation and Implementation Training.

When registering for the Preparation and Implementation Training, you will then be able to select dates for the two-day mentor training. Districts may send up to ten (10) participants per district to mentor training.

The dates that are available for the two-day Mentor Training are (with locations):

- September 18-19 – Middle Georgia University (Macon)
- September 25-26 - Monroe County Conference Center (Forsyth)
- September 27-28 – Macon Marriott City Center (Macon)

Registration is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Holland lholland@doe.k12.ga.us or Jeannie Morris jmorris@doe.k12.ga.us.

If you are a district **new** to Check & Connect, use this link to register: [District/Mentor Check and Connect](#)

If you are a district already implementing and/or have Check & Connect as part of your CEIS plan, there may be spaces available in the mentor trainings that are being held during the month of August. If you would like to have staff trained to be mentors during this time, please contact Jeannie Morris jemorris@doe.k12.ga.us as soon as possible.

GAA Update:

GAA 1.0 is a retired assessment and will not be used for the 2018-2019 school year. GAA 2.0 only will be administered for 2018-2019. The Assessment Department has updated the webpage with some basic information and added the Eligibility Criteria for participation on GAA 2.0. The administration window will be in the spring and has been posted on the assessment calendar for March 25 – May 3, 2019. The Assessment Department will add that additional resources, and information will be added to the website.

There will be a training session August 21 and repeated on August 23, which will support test design and expectations. The links to those trainings and others are found on the Assessment Update, Vol.1, July 2018. That update is on the For Educators site under Newsletters. The spring administration will be considered an operational field test (not a pilot), and there will be no accountability consequences this year-except in the area of participation. GAA 2.0 must be administered in all districts for eligible students.

For additional information please contact the following:

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FY19 New Parent Mentor:

If you have recently hired a new parent mentor, please use the link below to let us know. A new parent mentor orientation will be offered as a pre-conference session at the 17th Annual GaPMP Kickoff conference on Wednesday, September 5th in Savannah. <https://form.jotform.com/82114889829168>

Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership 2018 Kickoff Conference:

As part of the participation agreement with the GaDOE, parent mentors and their special education directors (or appointees) will attend the 2018 Kickoff Conference, September 5-7, 2018 in Savannah. The registration for the conference is *now open*. An updated accommodations listing is attached and a July newsletter.

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<https://gael.ps.membersuite.com/events/ViewEvent.aspx?contextID=e386dc0a-0078-cb96-40e9-0b3e6771035b>

Attachment titles that were included with the August 3 Email Blast.

-  UPDATE 7.29.2018 PMP Kick off Accommodations Listings.docx (58 KB)
-  draftPMPKickoffAgenda8.18.docx (1,015 KB)
-  FY19 General Supervision and IDEA Implementaion Supports.pdf (62 KB)
-  Child Find Implementation Manual.docx (31 KB)
-  Evaluation and Reevaluation Implementation Manual.docx (66 KB)
-  Special Education Eligibility Implementation Manual.docx (39 KB)
-  Friday, August 3rd Email Blast.pdf (225 KB)

Friday, August 10, 2018

Directors,

We have enjoyed collaborating with you during the General Supervision and IDEA Implementation Training. We look forward to receiving additional feedback this week.

Are you looking for new ways to enrich students' learning, provide equitable instruction for all students, use assessment data for instructional purposes, and collaborate with others in order to meet the needs of the whole child? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then we have the webinar series for you!

On August 29th at 3:30 p.m., Georgia's High Leverage Practice Team will kick-off the first webinar in a series of webinars related to High Leverage Practices through a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. In this first webinar, the keynote speakers will provide an overview of High Leverage Practices (HLPs) and explain how these practices can be used to increase outcomes for ALL of Georgia's students.

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[Assessment Update, Vol. 1, August 2018:](#)

A new monthly edition of the Assessment Update, Vol. 1, August 2018 has been posted to the Testing/Assessment webpage under the [For Educators link](#). You are welcome to share this information with other technology or assessment support staff as needed.

The Assessment Update, Vol. 1, August 2018 edition contains highlighted information related to the following:

- *2018-2019 Student Assessment Handbook and Accommodations Manual*
- Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Scheduling Flexibility Changes
- Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 updates and Eligibility Criteria
- Accountability Reminders
- Key Training Dates for August/September 2018 with registration links

Other information is provided related to assessment programs and should be used in planning for these administrations and training opportunities.

Of note, all trainings for assessment programs are provided with **registration links** through the Assessment Updates and may be expected monthly. Any changes to the Assessment and Training Calendar will be made to the online calendar as well as announced through this newsletter and other communication, as needed.

You are welcome to submit questions, concerns, or feedback to your assessment specialist. Please let us know how we may help as you plan for and manage assessments for the 2018-2019 school year.

GELI 2018:

Make plans to attend the **2018 Georgia Education Leadership Institute** hosted by the Georgia Department of Education and presented by the Georgia Foundation for Public Education. **GELI 2018** is September 16-18, 2018 at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in downtown Atlanta.

There are five easy ways to register:

- [Online Registration](#)
- Fax in the [Registration Form](#)
- Scan/Email the [Registration Form](#) to registrations@ncyi.org
- Phone - (866) 318-6294
- Mail - see [conference website](#) for address

This Institute features over 40 breakout sessions from GaDOE leaders and your peers at the district level. Join other district leaders at GELI (superintendents, principals, central office leaders, etc.) to network and learn! This is where you will receive the updates and supports needed from the Georgia Department of Education. This event continues to grow each year.

Low Vision Clinic Dates 2018-2019:

Attached is the 2018-2019 clinic dates. There will be a two-day clinic on October 22-23 in Gilmer County and a one day clinic on April 30th 2019 at Pioneer RESA in north east Georgia.

Please use the new form as we cannot accept the older versions. Go to <http://www.gabmacon.org> and click the Smokey Powell Center tab. Under the contents heading, you will find the referral checklist for low vision evaluations. Please note that the second page is the Authorization to Release Information which needs to be signed by the parent/guardian. When the packet is complete, please submit to Heather Francis for scheduling. Her email is Hfrancis@doe.k12.ga.us

GIMC Updates:

Going forward the GIMC will be contacting special education directors and teachers of the visually impaired in the event of any unusual or unforeseen delays in braille *transcriptions* to better help local districts plan to provide access for students who are blind. Please keep in mind that good transcriptions take lots of time; as soon as the student's team is 100% sure that the student will be using certain books or materials, please order them through the GIMC online ordering system.

Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) 2.0:

There will be two upcoming webinars on the Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) 2.0. Use the links below to register for the trainings.

August 21st, 10:00 am until 12 noon and August 23rd, 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

The *Live Repeated* webinars will be about the new GAA 2.0 Test Design Features: Requirements for student work samples, documentation, materials, key dates, and participation guidelines. **Remember the old GAA (Portfolio) has retired!!!!**

GAA 2.0 August 21st, 10:00 am until 12 noon:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/104003196627409667>

August 23rd, 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4587726952302693891>

Contact Crystal Callaway ccallaway@doe.k12.ga.us if you have any concern(s) or question(s).

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Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership 2018 Kickoff Conference:

Pre-Conference Sessions

New Mentor Orientation - [New Parent Mentor Orientation](#)

Shine the Light on Mental Health and Family Engagement: The Power of Peer Support
Mental health has become a hot topic in many districts. Parent Mentors are often asked about resources for families experiencing crisis. Join us for a discussion about improving student mental health. Understand Early and First-Episode Psychosis and know where to go for assistance. Hear from a young person about what helped and what hindered. Learn more about the resources and training offered by NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness. www.nami.org

[Pre-Conference Session](#)

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Parent to Parent Trainings (flyers attached):

August 14, 2018: Peace, Love and Harmony and the IFSP/IEP

Gordon, Bartow, Floyd, Murray, Pickens

September 11, 2018: *Peace, Love and Harmony and the IFSP/IEP*
Chatham, Bryan, Effingham, Bulloch

August 27, 2018: *What a Great IDEA! A brief overview of Special Education for Parents and Families*
Paulding, Douglas, Cobb, Polk

Attachment titles that were included with the August 10 Email Blast.

-  Low Vision Clinic Dates 2018-2019.docx (24 KB)
-  UPDATE 7.29.2018 PMP Kick off Accommodations Listings.docx (58 KB)
-  draftPMPKickoffAgenda8.18.docx (1,015 KB)
-  August 27-Paulding-What a Great IDEA.pdf (170 KB)
-  Sept 11 MP-Chatham Peace Love & harmony.pdf (169 KB)
-  August 14 Gordon DB Peace, Love, Harmon1.pdf (169 KB)
-  Friday, August 10th Email Blast.pdf (171 KB)

Friday, August 17, 2018

Directors,

Thank you for participating in the General Supervision and IDEA Implementation Training. Your feedback and engagement are invaluable. Attached to the email blast, you will find a pdf version of the presentation. The PowerPoint version will be available on the Implementation Manual Webpage.

The initial State Advisory Panel meeting will be August 29-30, 2018 in Macon at the Holiday Inn North. You may access the [SAP agenda](#); public comments should be submitted by using the [online survey](#) or a [paper submission](#). Public comments assist the SAP with relevant perception data from local stakeholders that frame unmet, statewide needs.

EMAIL BLAST

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Georgia Autism and Behavior Support Initiative (GABS):

GATTAP is having a name change! There has been too much confusion over GATTAP and Georgia TAPP. GASBI better describes the vision of this professional development initiative. See the attached flyer for GASBI dates and locations. Please share with your teachers of students with autism – these **free** sessions are not to be missed!

Student Success Leadership Launch – PowerPoint and Recording – August 7, 2018 - 2:00 pm:

Please access the recording for the Student Success Leadership Launch through the link below. The PowerPoint is also attached. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Wina Low at wlow@doe.k12.ga.us or Ann Cross at lacross@doe.k12.ga.us. Recording Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2065368113898850049>

Check & Connect – State Supported Intervention Opportunity:

Training sessions for our state supported intervention, Check & Connect, are rapidly reaching capacity. If you wish to register for the September 6th Planning and Implementation training to be held at the GaDOE, or register individuals to serve as district mentors for the scheduled two-day mentor trainings, please contact Jeannie Morris jmorris@doe.k12.ga.us.

Dates and locations for the two-day mentor trainings are:

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Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Intervention -Train the Trainer Workshop:

The Georgia Department of Education and the Center for Leadership in Disability at Georgia State University are excited to embark upon a second year of recruitment for an initiative to build educator capacity around evidence-based functional behavior assessment and behavior intervention plan (FBA-BIP) processes. Registration is open for districts to participate in the **Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Intervention -Train the Trainer Workshop.** Participants may register on the following website: https://scholarworks.gsu.edu/fbabip_ttt

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Attachment titles that were included with the August 17 Email Blast.

-  GABSI Publisher V3.pdf (689 KB)
-  Leadership Launch Webinar August 2018 FINAL.pptx [Read-Only].pdf (508 KB)
-  FBA.BIP.Train-the-Trainer Series.docx (338 KB)
-  General Supervision and IDEA Implementation Training_August 2018.pdf (3 MB)
-  Friday, August 17th Email Blast.docx (133 KB)

Friday, August 24, 2018

Directors,

We will host one additional General Supervision and IDEA Implementation training in Atlanta. The session will have limited registration; you do not need to attend if you have already participated in a previous training.

Training Link: [2018 General Supervision and IDEA Implementation Training](#)

Georgia Department of Education

Twin Towers (West)

10th Floor; Conference Rooms (A, B, and C)

September 21, 2018

9:00 am – 3:30 pm (9:00 – 9:30 will be registration.)

During the General Supervision Training, we discussed a follow up survey link to provide additional feedback. Please use the link below to offer feedback. We will distribute the link to the registered participants, as well.

[General Supervision and IDEA Implementation Training Post Survey](#)

As a gentle reminder, General Supervision includes a priority of improved outcomes and results for students with disabilities, as well as, compliant implementation of IDEA.

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[High Leverage Practices Webinar](#)

[Georgia's Strategic Approach to Implementing High-Leverage Practices through MTSS
Assistive Technology \(GATE Seminar\) Call for Presentation](#)

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Georgia's Strategic Approach to Implementing High-Leverage Practices through MTSS:



August 30th 3pm-4pm EST

The Georgia team, established in partnership with the CEEDAR Center, is strategically using structures within the state to spread High-Leverage Practices to pre- and in-service professionals. At the same time, the state is re-vamping MTSS for service delivery to meet the needs of each student. Presenters will share the impetus for the undertaking and their plans for spreading out and scaling up across the state.

Specifically, they will explain:

- How engagement with the CEEDAR Center aligns with statewide plans and initiatives
- The state-specific structures being used for spreading and scaling
- The overall plan for implementation
- How they are tapping into expertise within the state

[Register Now](#)

Assistive Technology – “GATE Seminar” Call for Presentations:

Georgia Assistive Technology in Education (GATE) Seminar planning committee is extending invitations for presenters on assistive technology in a wide variety of Pre-k to 12 settings including school, home, recreation and community. We encourage educators and therapists working with assistive technology and vendors to apply. Calls for presentations will be open until **August 31, 2018**. Notices will be sent out via email on or around **the end of September** of acceptance with session time and room assignment.

Submit your “Presentation Information” here: <http://bit.ly/gatepresent18>

If you have questions, please email: gateseminar@gmail.com Vendors contact “Tools for Life” at info@gatfl.org for exhibit information.

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Parent to Parent Trainings (flyer attached):

September 20, 2018: *Sifting Through Your Parental Rights*
Paulding, Cobb, Douglas, Polk

Attachment titles that were included with the August 24 Email Blast.

 Sept 20 DB Paulding Sifting through parent rights.pdf (55 KB)

 Friday, August 24th Email Blast.pdf (246 KB)