The Federal Connection:
Understanding the early childhood education landscape in Georgia and why we need our McKinney-Vento partners!

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What do we have in common?
Our federal connection: Administration for Children and Families

- CAPS & Head Start
- Runaway & Homeless Youth and Family Violence Prevention
- Child Welfare & Foster Care

Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development
- Office of Child Care
- Office of Head Start

Assistant Secretary
- Chief of Staff
- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy
- Deputy Assistant Secretary for External Affairs

Office of Regional Operations
- Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response

Administration for Native Americans
- Administration on Children, Youth and Families
- Office of Child Support Enforcement
- Office of Community Services
- Office of Family Assistance
- Office of Refugee Resettlement
- Office on Trafficking in Persons

Children's Bureau
- Family & Youth Services Bureau

Office of Administration
- Office of the Chief Information Officer
- Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget
- Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation
- Office of Communications

Region 1: Boston, MA
Region 2: New York, NY
Region 3: Philadelphia, PA
Region 4: Atlanta, GA
Region 5: Chicago, IL
Region 6: Dallas, TX
Region 7: Kansas City, MO
Region 8: Denver, CO
Region 9: San Francisco, CA
Region 10: Seattle, WA

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
www.decal.ga.gov
Our state connection: DECAL

Child and Parent Subsidy Program (CAPS)
- Family Support
- Scholarship Administration
- 2Generation Initiatives

Safe Child Care
- Applicant services
- Licensing
- Complaints
- Enforcement
- Technical assistance
- Quality improvement
- School-age & Afterschool Care

Quality Nutrition
- Child and Adult Food Program
- Summer Food Program
- Farm to Preschool

Quality Infant and Toddler Care
- Georgia Program for Infant and Toddler Care - Instructional Support Services
- LITTLE Grants

Quality Innovations and Partnerships
- Early Education Community Partnerships
- Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships
- Child Care Access Supports for Families
- Research & Policy Team

Quality Child Care
- Quality Rated and Improvement System
- Technical Assistance for Child Care Providers

Head Start Collaboration
- Child Welfare
- Early Intervention
- Homelessness
- Family Services
- Community Partnerships

Pre-K & Instructional Supports
- Georgia Universal PreK program
- Quality initiatives
- Inclusion & Behavior Support
- Early Learning Workforce Development
CAPS & Head Start are sister agencies!

Office of Child Care: CCDF

Office of Head Start: Head Start & EHS programs

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CAPS & Head Start: A Tale of Two Acts...

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014:

- CCDF Final Rule
- Requires States to....
- Oversight from the Lead Agency (DECAL)
- Promotes flexibility for States to develop high-quality child care programs that best suit the needs of children and families as they pursue financial self-sufficiency and school success for their children.

Head Start Act of 2007

- Head Start Performance Standards
- Requires local programs to...
- Oversight from Regional Office (Region IV Office of Head Start)
- Promotes the school readiness of low-income children by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development.
Shared priorities
Do you see the common threads?

**CAPS**
- Families with very low income as defined by CAPS
- **Families who lack fixed, regular, and adequate housing**
- Families participating in or transitioning from TANF
- Children in Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) custody

**Head Start**
- Families who are low-income at or below poverty line
- **Children who are homeless**
- Families who would be eligible for public assistance; including TANF child-only payments
- Children in foster care
Understanding access points for families

**ACCESS to Education**
- CAPS
- Head Start & Early Head Start
- McKinney-Vento Liaisons Department of Ed

McKinney-Vento Act definition

**ACCESS to Housing**
- Continuum of Care
- Rapid Rehousing
- Emergency Shelters

HUD definition
Outreach can be a challenge so we need you!

- We lack awareness of who and where these priority families are in our landscape.
- Families experiencing homelessness can be highly mobile which makes outreach and recruitment a challenge.
Families experiencing homelessness often do not have vehicles or access to transportation.

Families experiencing homelessness often lack documents required for enrollment which may result in enrollment being delayed or denied.
We share multiple common threads! How can we help each other?

Foster Care  Poverty  Homelessness
How to access high quality care?

CALL: 877-ALL-GA-KIDS (1-877-255-4254)
SEARCH ONLINE: QualityRated.org
THANK YOU

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