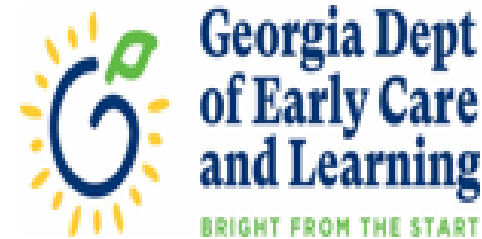
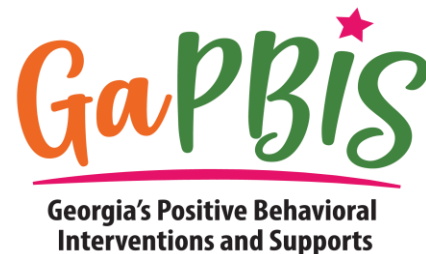


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**“How To Forge Community Partnerships To Improve
Pre-K/Kindergarten School Enrollment”
Early Learning Webinar**

February 16, 2022

Presenters: Kim Holland, Jill O'Meara, and Brandy Woolridge



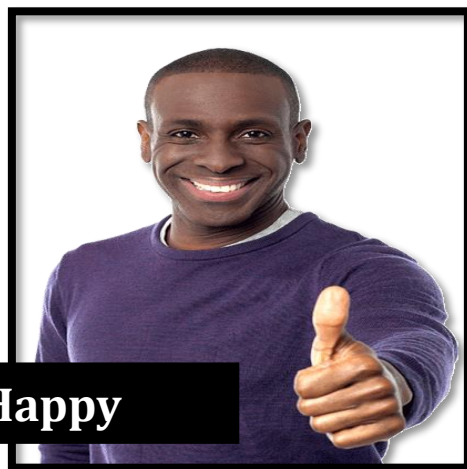
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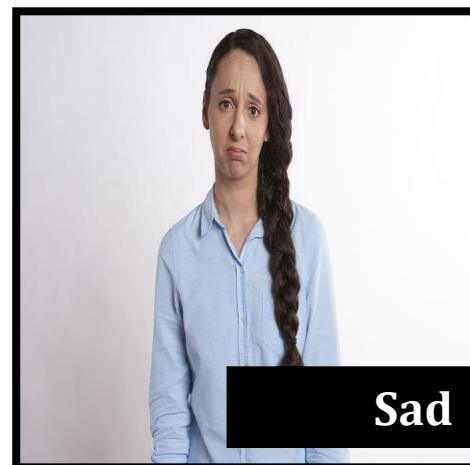
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Morning Check-In

Type one word in the **chat box** to describe how you are feeling?



Happy



Sad



Joyful



Frustrated

Learning Objectives

- ✓ DECAL's Commitment To Community Based Work
- ✓ Role of DECAL Community Coordinators
 - DECAL partnership collaborations to support early learning programs
- ✓ Community Impact Grants
- ✓ Gwinnett County Public Schools
 - Building Babies Brains
 - Community Transformation Grant
 - School Readiness/Enrollment Resources



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BRIGHT FROM THE START

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Community Partnerships and Projects Manager
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Director of Early Learning and School Readiness
Gwinnett County Public Schools



Getting Ready... on Our Way to School

DECAL Serves ALL of Georgia's Young Children

Child and Parent Subsidy Program (CAPS)

- Family Support
- Scholarship Administration
- Quality Rated Subsidy Grants
- 2Gen Initiatives

Quality Child Care

- Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) - Quality Rated
- Technical Assistance for Child Care Providers
- 1-877-ALLGAKIDS

Safe Child Care

- Applicant services
- Licensing
- Complaints
- Enforcement
- Technical assistance
- Quality improvement
- School Age Before & After School

Quality Innovations & Partnerships

- Early Education Community Partnerships
- Two-Gen Georgia
- Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships
- Research and Policy Team
- Child Care Access Supports for Families

Pre-K & Instructional Supports

- Georgia Universal PreK program
- Quality initiatives
- Inclusion & Behavior Support
- Early Learning Workforce Development
- Infant Early Childhood Mental Health

Quality Nutrition

- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Summer Feeding Service Program
- Farm to Preschool

Quality Infant and Toddler Care

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

Head Start Collaboration

- Child Welfare
- Early Intervention
- Homelessness
- Family Services
- Community Partnerships



DECAL's Commitment to Community Based Work

Early Education Empowerment Zones (E3Zs)

- Inform and Engage Stakeholders
- Establish Communication Strategies
- One Community Coordinator per Zone

Community Partnership Team

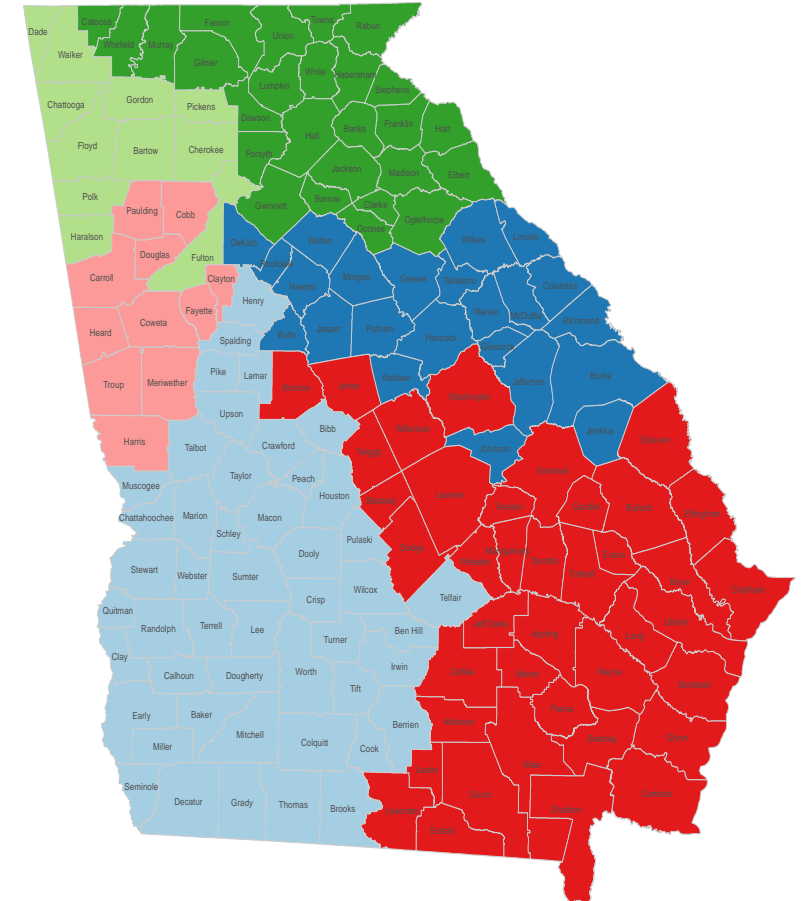
- Created to Support, Sustain, and Expand the Successful Work of the E3Zs
- One Community Coordinator per Region
- Statewide



Community Partnership Team

Role of Community Partnership Coordinators

- Work in each of DECAL's six administrative regions to coordinate the delivery of available state and local services to communities desiring to improve the outcomes for young children and families.
- Engage with local stakeholders to align early childhood systems for children ages birth to eight
- Foster public awareness of early education services
- Serve as a resource for and referral to all DECAL programs and services



Child Care Engagement Networks



- Monthly meetings hosted and facilitated by DECAL's Community Coordinators
- Purpose: To provide direct supports to providers while also gauging regional and community needs during the pandemic
- Designed to connect providers with resources and supports from DECAL and partnering agencies by using a two-tiered approach:
 - 1) Communication: Newsletters
 - 2) Engagement: Virtual Meetings

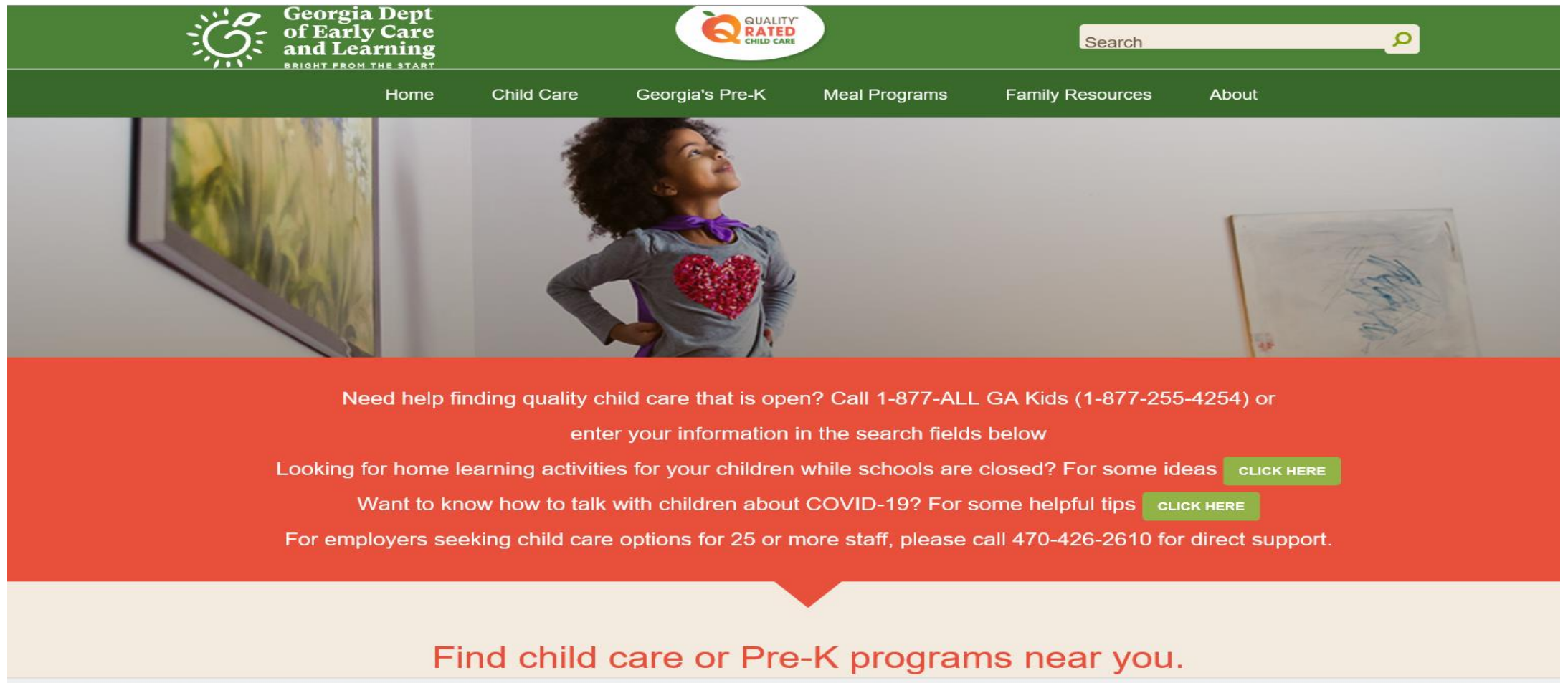
Regional Birth to Eight Collaboratives

- Quarterly meetings hosted and facilitated by DECAL's Community Coordinators
- Purpose: To support the rollout of state to local DECAL programs and community-driven initiatives for young children and families throughout the region
- Goals: 1) Connect and strengthen the early childhood system 2) Coordinate better alignment across early childhood and K-12 3) Create and sustain feedback loops between consumers of the ECE system and DECAL



How to Find Child Care in Georgia?

<http://qualityrated.org>



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QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

Search

Home Child Care Georgia's Pre-K Meal Programs Family Resources About

Need help finding quality child care that is open? Call 1-877-ALL GA Kids (1-877-255-4254) or enter your information in the search fields below

Looking for home learning activities for your children while schools are closed? For some ideas [CLICK HERE](#)

Want to know how to talk with children about COVID-19? For some helpful tips [CLICK HERE](#)

For employers seeking child care options for 25 or more staff, please call 470-426-2610 for direct support.

Find child care or Pre-K programs near you.

Georgia' Preschool Development B-5 Grant

- In 2019, Georgia was awarded an \$11.2 million Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant.
- PDG provides the state with a unique opportunity to strengthen system-level framework and better align critical B-5 services.





Community Impact Grants

Four Funding Opportunities:

- 2Gen Innovation Grants
 - ✓ Capacity Building
 - ✓ Implementation Funding
- Trauma-Responsive Care Grants
- Early Learning Leadership Collaboratives
- Community Transformation Grants

Each grant opportunity requires the creation of a collaborative team that will implement the work.

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Getting Ready... on Our Way to School



Kim Holland, Director of Early Learning and School Readiness
Gwinnett County Public Schools

WHY DOES SCHOOL READINESS MATTER?



Children who receive high-quality early education begin school ready to succeed.



Children who do not receive high-quality early education will not begin school ready to succeed.

Children who begin Kindergarten ready to succeed are more likely to read at grade level by 3rd grade.



Children who do not begin school ready to succeed, are less likely to read at grade level by 3rd grade.

Children who read at grade level by 3rd grade are more likely to graduate from high school.



Children who do not read at grade level by 3rd grade are 4-6 times more likely to drop out of high school.

Children who graduate high school are more likely to go to college and enter the job market prepared.

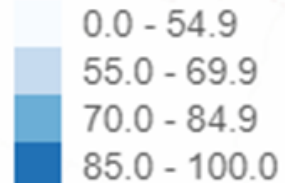
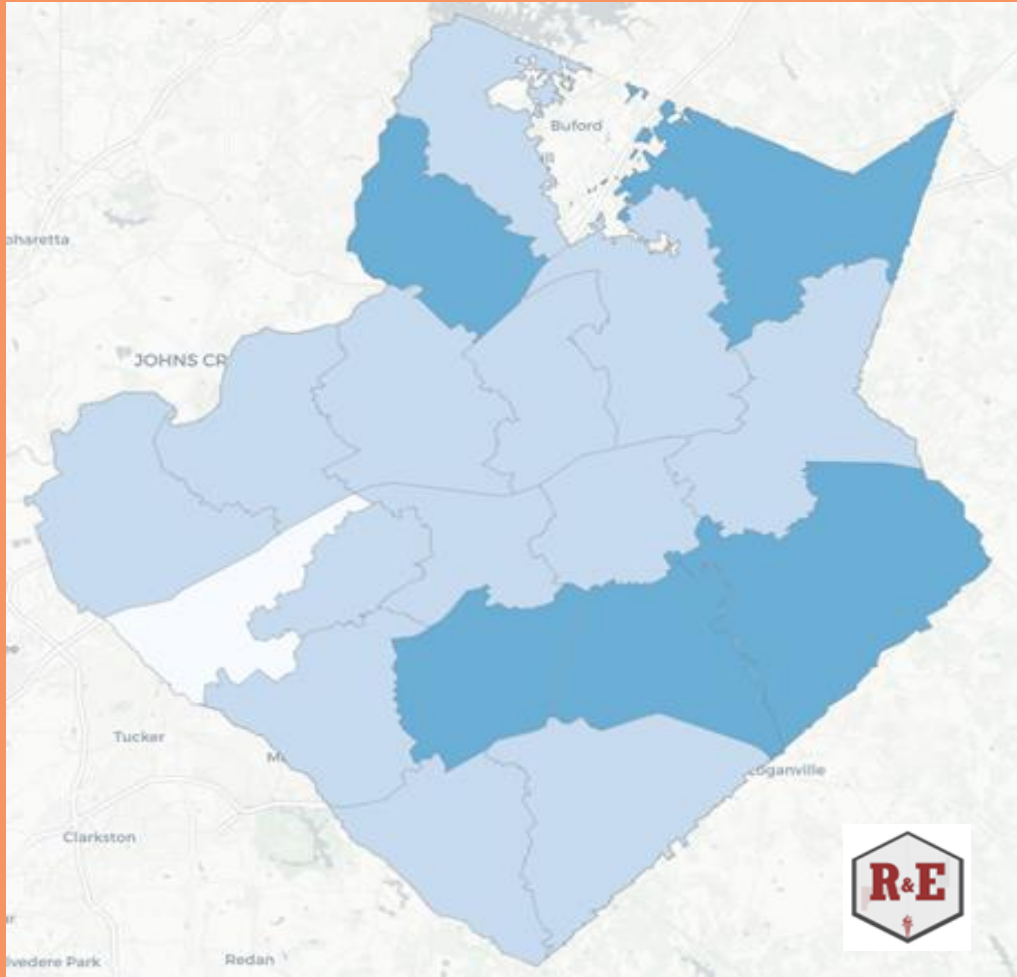


Children who do not graduate high school are less likely to go to college and enter the job market prepared.

Children are employable, tax-paying citizens which is critical to a vital economy.

Children are more likely to be unemployed and presents a huge societal cost.

Percentage Kindergarten Ready by Cluster



OUR WHY

54% of students enter kindergarten NOT ready

With 60,000 children under the age of 5, this equates to 6,480 children per year!

Gwinnett Building Babies' Brains Initiative

THE PROBLEM

54% of children are entering Kindergarten unprepared

BELIEFS

- Success starts with families
- Success requires everyone
- Success is sustained through systems

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to ensure that all children in Gwinnett are ready to thrive in Kindergarten.

“The first five years have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out.”

-Bill Gates, Sr

OUR STRATEGY

Our strategy is to ensure that all parents have access to the information and tools they need to be their child's first and best teacher so that all our children have access to high quality early learning at home or elsewhere.

EARLY LEARNING WORKING GROUP

Community Collaborative - Facilitated by GCPS - Owned by ALL

- *CCS Atlanta Marketing & Technology*
- *Community Foundation of Northeast Georgia*
- *Children's Healthcare of Atlanta*
- *Community Members*
- *Corner's Outreach*
- *DFACS*
- *Easter Seals*
- *GCPL Board Member*
- *GCPS School Board Member*
- *Georgia Center for Opportunity*
- *Georgia Gwinnett College*
- *Greater Atlanta Christian School*
- *Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce*
- *Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services*
- *Gwinnett County Commissioner*
- *Gwinnett County Public Library*
- *Gwinnett County Public Schools*
- *Gwinnett County Public School Foundation*
- *Gwinnett Health Department*
- *Gwinnett Medical Center*
- *HCA Healthcare*
- *Home First Gwinnett*
- *Magnolia Media Group*
- *Perimeter Church*
- *Quality Care for Children*
- *Rock Paper Scissors*
- *Sheltering Arms*
- *Seven Oaks Academy*
- *State Representative*
- *State Senator*
- *Unite Norcross*
- *United Way*
- *YMCA*

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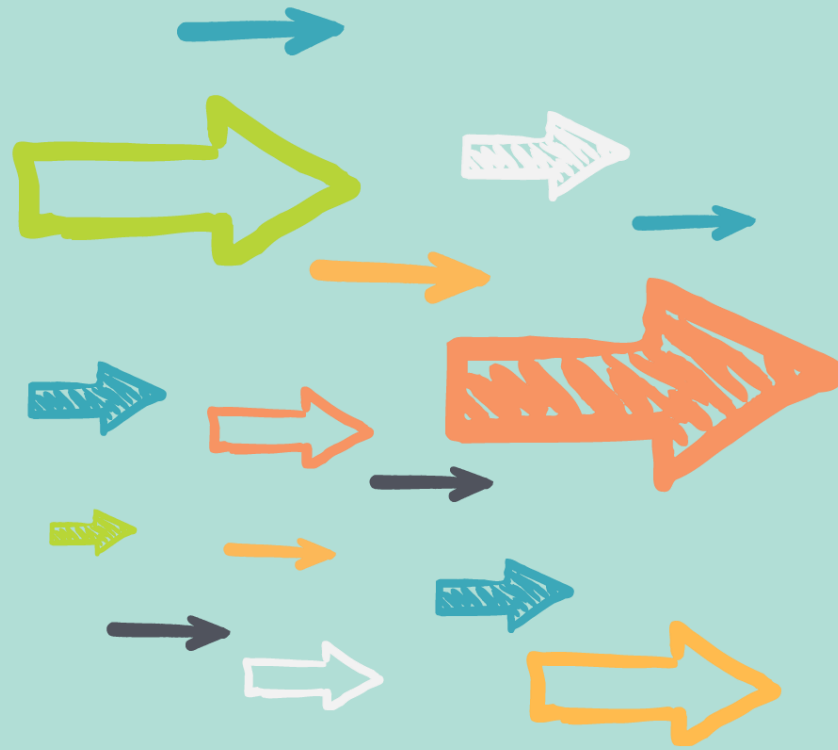
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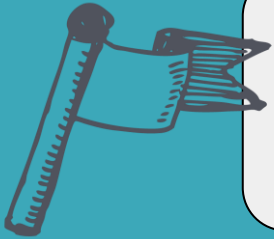
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THREE LEVERS:

Future will build on the success of the overarching Awareness Campaign and New/Expanded programs



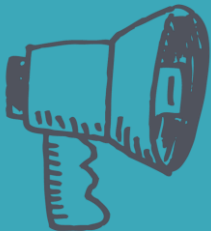
Community Awareness and Support

In Gwinnett, we all will recognize the importance of early learning and development and know how to support it.



High Quality Early Learning Resources and Programs

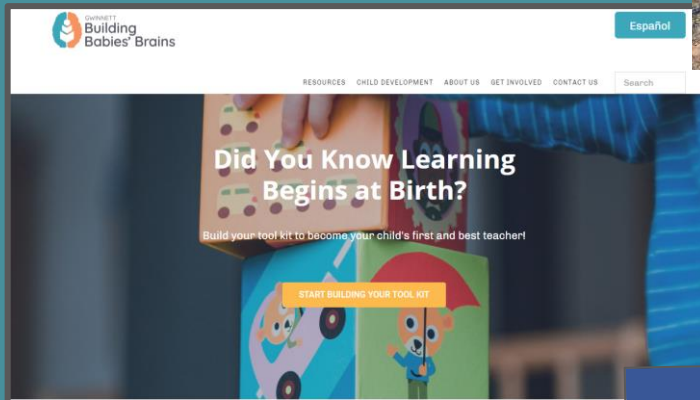
In Gwinnett, our families will have local access to the high quality books, materials, resources, and programs that they need and want.



Collective Approaches to Success

In Gwinnett, our organizations and institutions will collaborate, share resources, and provide collective support for broader, bolder resourcing for early learning.

Awareness

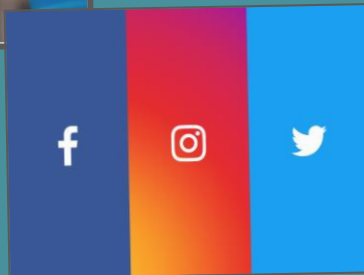


BE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND BEST TEACHER

The first five years of life are critical to your child's future. Your role as a teacher is one of the most important things you can do for your child. We are here to help! All you need to do is participate in simple activities like reading, singing, and talking with your child at an early age and often.

Visit our website at www.BuildingBabiesBrains.com to learn more about brain development and how you can help build your baby's brain by being their first and best teacher.

DID YOU KNOW?
80% of a child's brain is developed by age 3.
90% of a child's brain is developed by age 5.



Ambassadors



GBBB Ambassador Program: Data

Community Awareness and Support

High Quality Early Learning Resources and Programs

Collective Approaches to Success

- 316 Parent Interactions
- 637 Postcards Distributed
- 85 Flagship Program Resources Distributed
- 105 Parents Accessing GBBB Website
- Helped 28 Enroll in an Early Learning Event, Activity, or Program
- 364 Books with GBBB Stickers Distributed
- 25+ Events Attended and Organizations Visited
- Increases in early learning programming:
 - From 4 to 19 participants at GPL Story Time at the Park
 - Added 7 children to waiting list for P2L at Meadowcreek ES
 - Signed 1 parent up for P2L at Beaver Ridge ES

High Quality Resources and Programming



Building Babies' Brains

RESOURCES CHILD DEVELOPMENT ABOUT US GET INVOLVED CONTACT US EVENTS Search

Build Your Personalized Toolkit

Your child's early years are very important to their lifelong development. As a parent/guardian, you are your child's first and best teacher. Are you curious about appropriate developmental milestones for your child?

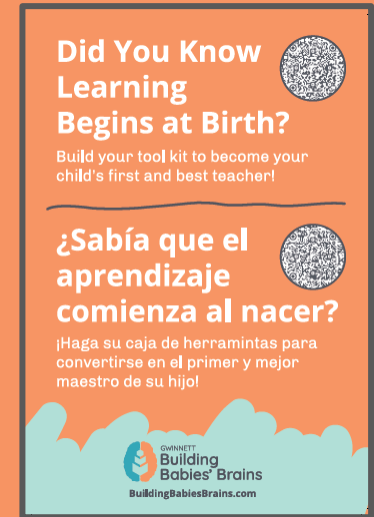
Take this short survey!

Select a Language to Begin

ENGLISH ESPAÑOL 한국어

Programming

Play 2 Learn



Did You Know Learning Begins at Birth?

Build your tool kit to become your child's first and best teacher!

¿Sabía que el aprendizaje comienza al nacer?

¡Haga su caja de herramientas para convertirse en el primer y mejor maestro de su hijo!

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HR Packets



Play 2 Learn On The Go

In order to reach more families, Play 2 Learn on the Go is being developed as a mobile version of the program currently in 42 elementary schools. The mobile version will allow for more families and children to be served, as we know that transportation can be a barrier to accessing resources.

High Quality
Programming



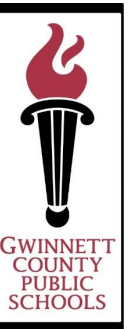
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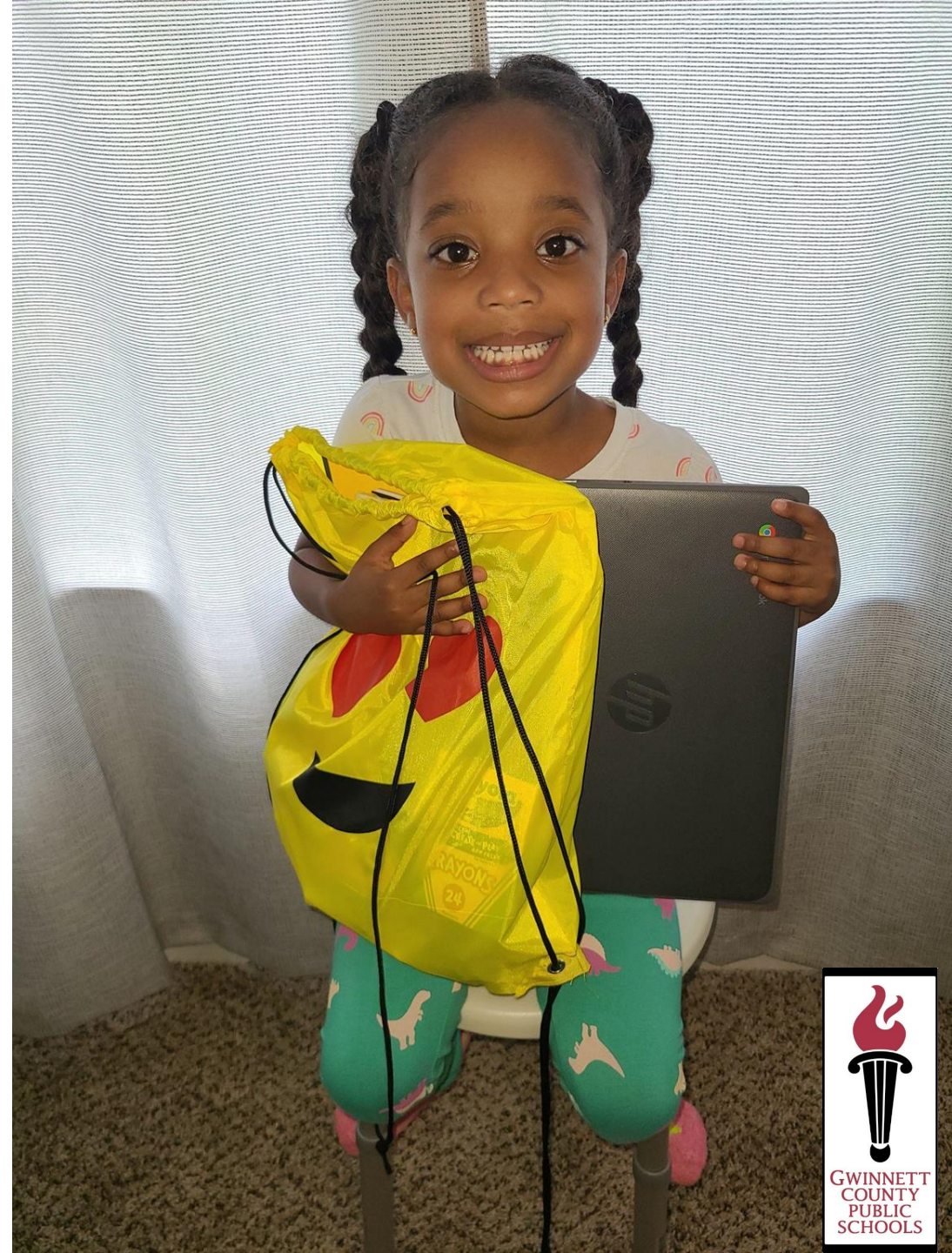
Let everyone know it's...



TIME
FOR
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KINDERGARTEN Registration DRAWING!



Post and Share K Registration Information on Social Media



Will your child be 5 by Sept. 1?
If yes, it is...



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School Readiness and Enrollment Statewide Webinar Series



GaDOE/DECAL Early Learning Webinar Schedule 2021/2022 School Year



School Readiness and Enrollment Webinar Series

This webinar series will provide our state practitioners with strategies, resources, and guidance on how to improve school enrollment/preparation practices, messaging of school readiness expectations to parents, and developmentally appropriate classroom climate resources to support Pre-K and kindergarten children.

Topic	Descriptions	Date & Time	Registration Link
School Readiness and Family Resources	<i>Learn about developmentally appropriate strategies to improve school readiness preparation practices in districts and elementary schools. DECAL and GaDOE school readiness resources for families will be shared during this presentation.</i>	October 20, 2021 10:00-11:00a.m.	Webinar Registration Link: https://form.iotform.com/212635048928158
Understanding Developmentally Appropriate Learning and Behavior Expectations for PreK/Kindergarten Students	<i>Explore developmentally appropriate learning and behavior expectations to enhance practitioners' knowledge on how to support each child's optimal growth and development.</i>	November 17, 2021 10:00-11:00a.m.	Webinar Registration Link: https://form.iotform.com/212635428297159
Replacing Suspension and Expulsion with Classroom Climate Support Practices	<i>Gain knowledge of how social emotional competence among children, staff, and families can contribute to replacing school suspension/expulsion with implementation of effective classroom strategies that support the behavior needs of learners.</i>	December 15, 2021 10:00-11:00a.m.	Webinar Registration Link: https://form.iotform.com/212636025843150
Communication Strategies to Address Parents' School Readiness Concerns	<i>Learn effective strategies to address and alleviate parents' school readiness concerns. Resources will be shared.</i>	January 26, 2022 10:00-11:00a.m.	Webinar Registration Link: https://form.iotform.com/212635579136158
How to Forge Community Partnerships to Improve Georgia Pre-K and Kindergarten School Enrollment	<i>Provide guidance on how to connect and strengthen relationships with community stakeholders and bring awareness about improving school enrollment.</i>	February 16, 2022 10:00-11:00a.m.	Webinar Registration Link: https://form.iotform.com/212636460149152
Making School Readiness/Enrollment a Priority in Your District and Elementary Schools	<i>Understand developmentally appropriate expectations for school preparation and the impact of enrollment and data trends. Learn strategies on how to message the importance of early education to families and the community.</i>	March 23, 2022 10:00-11:00a.m.	Webinar Registration Link: https://form.iotform.com/212636485746162

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Q&A

Happy to answer your questions! 😊



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**Together may we
give our children
the roots to grow
and the wings to fly.**

**School
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Community**



Thank you! 😊

