

The Federal Connection:

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

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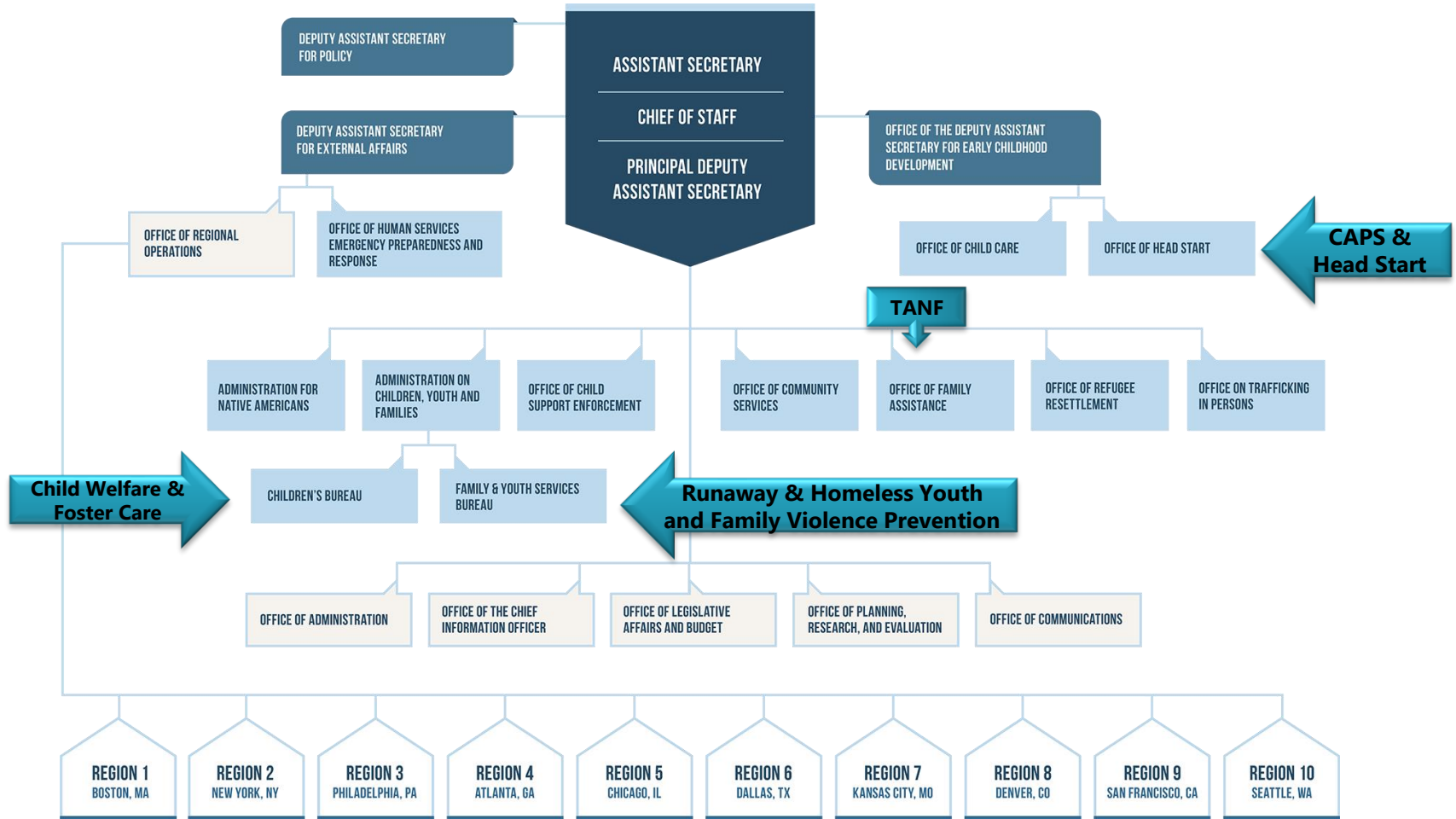
Head Start Collaboration Director



What do we have in common?



Our federal connection: Administration for Children and Families



Our state connection: DECAL

Child and Parent Subsidy Program (CAPS)

- Family Support
- Scholarship Administration
- 2Generation Initiatives



Quality Nutrition

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

Safe Child Care

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

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!

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Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

- 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.



Barriers we must take into consideration

- 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)

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Welcome

877-ALL-GA-KIDS is Georgia's source for parents who are looking for quality child care throughout the state of Georgia. 877-ALL-GA-KIDS is managed by Quality Care for Children and funded by Bright From the Start: Georgia Department of Early Learning and Care. Our mission is to ensure Georgia's infants and young children are nurtured and educated when they are not in the care of their parents.

Use 877-ALL-GA-KIDS to find quality child care in Georgia!



THANK YOU

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