Two-Generation Innovation

Connecting Early Learning, Postsecondary, and Workforce in Georgia

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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 (QRISS) - Quality Rated
- Technical Assistance for Child Care Providers
- 1-877-ALLGAKIDS

**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

**Safe Child Care**
- Applicant services
- Licensing
- Complaints
- Enforcement
- Technical assistance
- Quality improvement
- School Age Before & After School

**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

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**Head Start Collaboration**
- Child Welfare
- Early Intervention
- Homelessness
- Family Services
- Community Partnerships
How we collaborated in the past?

OUR PIPELINE

EARLY CHILDHOOD  ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  MIDDLE SCHOOL  HIGH SCHOOL  COLLEGE

FAMILY, SOCIAL SERVICE, AND HEALTH PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY-BUILDING PROGRAMS
Georgia’s Parents and Children Thriving Together (PACTT) Grant

• Georgia was one of five states selected in late 2016 to promote two-generation strategies in state policy
• Award from the National Governor’s Association & the Center for Law & Social Policy
• DECAL was the lead agency of this two-year, $90,000 investment in Georgia
• Key outcomes Georgia promised:
  1. Increase cross-agency coordination
  2. Provide professional learning on two-gen
  3. Pilot new and expand existing two-gen strategies
  4. Increase two-gen evaluation efforts
  5. Pursue policy changes to scale successful two-generation strategies.
By 2025, it’s anticipated that 60% of jobs in Georgia will require some form of higher education.
In 2015-16, 27% of all students enrolled in TCSG institutions were women with dependents.

Source: FAFSA Data from 2015-2016
Many parents who receive CAPS child care assistance in Georgia have some college experience but no degree.

Source: GEEARS, Summer 2016, online survey distributed to all CAPS recipients, completed by 602 CAPS recipients
Our Two Generation Approach

- Child-focused
- Child-focused with parent elements (e.g., early childhood development, parenting skills, family literacy, and health screenings)
- Whole family
- Parent-focused with child elements (e.g., child care and workforce programs, food and nutrition, and supports for student parents)
- Parent-focused
Result: Increased cross-agency coordination

- Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
- Technical College System of Georgia
- Georgia Department of Labor
- University System of Georgia
- Head Start
Georgia’s PACTT Accomplishments

“Parents and Children Thriving Together”
Two-Gen Professional Learning Opportunities

• Georgia hosted a Two Generation State Policy Summit for leadership.

• DECAL and the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) partnered deliver training to front line state employees working with families.
Increased 2Gen at the local level

• Piloted Two Gen Innovation Grants for three counties in 2018 and expanded this opportunity in 2019.

• Implementation partners:
  
  • Adult Serving: Technical College, University System Institution, Workforce Development Board, and/or community non-profit serving these populations.

  • Child Serving: Child Care Program with a significant number of children receiving CAPS, a Quality Rated Subsidy Grant, or an Infants Matter grant; a Head Start or Early Head Start Grantee, and/or community non-profit serving these populations.

• Outcome measures
  
  • Applicants had to include at least one child and one parent, OR one family outcome measure from Ascend at the Aspen Institute’s Two-Gen Outcomes Bank.
Increased Evaluation with a 2Gen focus

- Commissioned a Two-Gen Landscape Analysis from Georgia Center for Non-Profits.
- Conducted a survey with Athens Technical College staff and students to identify barriers that parents face when trying to complete post-secondary education.
Policy changes to scale up 2Gen

• CAPS now considers enrollment in associate degree programs at HOPE-eligible institutions to be state-approved activity, as of July 2018.

• CAPS now allows for part-time enrollment in education and vocational training programs in combination with work, instead of requiring full-time enrollment.
Moving forward: Where are we now?
2019 Two-Generation Innovation Project

• In partnership with the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia, two new funding opportunities to pilot or expand community strategies that connect the early learning, postsecondary, and workforce systems at the local level.

  1. Capacity Building Grants

  2. Implementation Funding Grants
2019 Capacity Building Grants

• Awards of up to $15,000 will fund a one-year project operating from March 1, 2019 to Feb 28, 2020.

• Projects must help connect parents of young children in early learning system supports.

Capacity Building Grant Recipients:

Georgia Northwestern Technical College – Whitfield/Murray Campus
Southern Crescent Technical College – Spalding County
2019 Implementation Funding Grants

• Awards of up to $35,000 will fund a one-year project operating from March 1, 2019 to Feb 28, 2020.

• Projects must help connect parents of young children in early learning system supports.

Implementation Funding Grants Recipients:

Two-Gen Clayton County
Central Georgia Technical College
Implementation Funding Grant - Clayton County

- Two-Gen Clayton
  - Create and sustain systematic services at both postsecondary institutions and Quality Rated child care programs.

- Plan of Implementation includes:
  - Project Coordinator
  - Parent Peer Mentors
  - PBS Kids – Ready To Learn Workshops
  - Website – Parent Access to Resources
  - Partner with Quality Rated Child Care Providers
  - Family-Friendly Campus
Implementation Funding Grant – Bibb County

• Central Georgia Technical College - Connect-2-Complete
  ✓ Increase family engagement, ensuring educational success as a core family value.

• Plan of Implementation includes:
  ✓ Survey and Focus Groups

  Findings: What makes it difficult to attend college?

- Child Care 47%
- Money 31%
- Time 31%
- Not Interested 20%
- Transportation 9%
Implementation Funding Grant – Bibb County

• Central Georgia Technical College - Connect-2-Complete
  ✓ Increase family engagement, ensuring educational success as a core family value.

• Plan of Implementation includes:
  ✓ On-Site Child Care – Add Evening Care
  ✓ Family Engagement Activities
  ✓ Family Advisory Boards/Quality Rated Child Care Advisory Council
  ✓ Family-Friendly Campus
  ✓ Partner with United Way of Central Georgia - 211 System
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Partnerships to Offset or Eliminate Child Care Tuition Costs
DECAL’s Commitment to Two-Gen in Georgia Policy and Sustainability

• Partnership with Technical College System of Georgia
  • CAPS Family Support/TCSG Student Navigators, Special Populations
  • Two-Generation Innovation Grants
• CAPS Portal for Two-Gen Resources for Parent Access
• Two-Gen Network -website
• Two-Gen Innovation Summit -Fall 2019
• Expand Workforce Professional Development and Learning Supports
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