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CAPS HAS MOVED.

The CAPS program has moved from the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) to the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL).

Call 1-833-4GA-CAPS (1-833-442-2277) for more information or visit www.caps.decal.ga.gov.
Supporting Families in CAPS
Two-Generation Core Components

- **SOCIAL CAPITAL**
  - peer and family networks
  - coaching cohort strategies

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**
  - Head Start
  - Early Head Start
  - child care partnerships
  - preK
  - home visiting

- **ECONOMIC ASSETS**
  - asset building
  - housing and public supports
  - financial capacity
  - transportation

- **HEALTH & WELL-BEING**
  - mental, physical, and behavioral health
  - coverage and access to care
  - adverse childhood experiences
  - toxic stress

- **POSTSECONDARY & EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS**
  - community college
  - training and certification
  - workforce partnerships
Two-Generation Continuum

- **Child-focused**
  - Focus on development, parenting, skills, literacy, and health
  - Examples: Early childhood development, parenting skills, family literacy, and health screenings

- **Whole Family**
  - Balanced approach to child and parent development

- **Parent-focused**
  - Focus on child care and workforce programs, food and nutrition, and supports for student parents

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Why invest in the whole family?

Research shows that supporting children and their parents together has an impact for generations.

- A college degree **DOUBLES** a parent's income
- A **$3,000** increase in income during early childhood can lead to a **17%** increase in earnings for the child in adulthood.
- Research demonstrates up to **13% ROI** in high-quality ECE.
- The brains of new parents undergo **MAJOR CHANGES**.
Coordination across early education and higher education systems
Supporting a Two-Generation Approach

- Added 15% Discount to families for selecting Quality Rated Provider
- Capped Family Fee at 7% of Income
- Increased ongoing eligibility from 50% to 85% of SMI
- Added Associates degree as an approved Activity
CAPS Two-Generation Projects

Technical College System of Georgia Partnership

Community Resource Portal

Family Centered Coaching

Nana Grants
Georgia Recognized in National Report

“Linking Early Childhood and Higher Education Systems Can Improve Economic Mobility”

Link to report- https://iwpr.org/postsecondary-early-education-systems-pr/