

Georgia

Early Childhood Development

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

\$2,186,000,000
Since FY2009



STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2013, 189 classrooms effectively combined Head Start and Georgia's state Pre-K funds to provide more than 4,000 children with blended, high-quality early learning experiences.
- In 2013, Georgia's Pre-K program served 3,085 children with an individualized education plan (IEP).
- In 2013, Georgia's Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) created a new Rising Pre-K Summer Transition program specifically targeted to 3-year-old English Language Learners.
- DECAL now offers a subsidy help desk call-in line for families.
- DECAL entered into a public-private partnership to support positive learning climates. The project is a research-informed approach designed to teach early childhood teachers and staff how to use positive behavior interventions.

CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	\$16,165,685
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) ¹	\$22,341,789
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	\$3,640,589
Race To the Top Early Learning Challenge (FY12-14) ²	\$51,739,896
Child Care and Development Fund (FY09-13)	\$908,891,725
Head Start (FY09-14)	\$1,183,000,000

DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

787,656

Total number of children

65.5%

Live in households where the parents present are working

30.4%

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

54.8%

Live below 200% of poverty

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HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS

28

Number of HS grantees, FY13

19

Number of EHS grantees, FY13

1

Number of Migrant/ Seasonal grantees, FY13



48%

Increase in the number of teachers with BA or higher in ECE or related field, FY09-14

24,191



Total enrollment, FY14

\$16 M



Funding awarded for 8 EHS-CC Partnership Grants

10%

Percent of HS-eligible children who were enrolled in EHS/HS, FY13

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$1,167 M

Total State and Federal Investment, FY09-13

55,000



Number of children served, avg. monthly FY13

\$909 M

Federal Investment Only, FY09-13

\$132 M

Quality Investment, Federal and State, FY09-13

12%

Percent of federally eligible children who received subsidized care through CCDF, average month in FY11

11%



Increase in avg. monthly number of children served from FY09-14

6%



Increase in children served in licensed/regulated center-based care from FY09-14

RACE TO THE TOP – EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE (RTT-ELC)³

Established Four Early Education Empowerment Zones (E3Zs)

- Receive additional resources and are used to pilot ELC initiatives;
- Represent distinct geographic areas of the State; and
- Have a Birth to Eight Team working on community level strategies to improve early education outcomes.

Incorporated Research to Policy/Practice Feedback Loops in ELC Oversight

By incorporating key research and evaluation staffing in the grant management structure Georgia does the following:

- Establishes mechanisms for ongoing research, evaluation, and data analysis; and
- Ensures the maintenance of appropriate feedback loops by incorporating these mechanisms into effective daily project management activities.

Supported Early Educators

- Expanded the State's INCENTIVES and SCHOLARSHIPS programs;
- Targeted educators earning their 1st and 2nd credentials; and enabled more than 500 additional educators to take advantage of the programs.

MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV)⁴

9,902



Home visits performed, FY14

817



Families Served, FY14

1,511



Parents and children served, FY14

4%



Percent of counties in Georgia where MIECHV is available

¹ Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/>.

² Race to the Top–Early Learning Challenge flyer. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2013-early-learning-challenge-flyer.pdf>.

³ Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge 2014 annual performance report: Georgia. <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2014apr/gaapr2014.pdf>.

⁴ Home visiting helps at-risk families across the U.S. [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/states/index.html>.