



Georgia Association on Young Children 2010 Legislative Agenda

The Georgia Association on Young Children (GAYC) is a statewide membership organization committed to high quality early care and education experiences for children birth through age eight.

Georgia's Pre-K Program

Increase the number of 4 year old children and their families who are able to participate in Georgia's Pre-K program.

Support funding for the Georgia Pre-K program to increase slots and the abilities of schools and early learning programs to offer Pre-K especially in high need school districts, support policies that increase Pre-K quality, and increase outreach strategies to inform families about Pre-K registration

National Accreditation

Increase the number of NAEYC accredited child care centers, NAFCC accredited family child care homes and accredited school-age programs in Georgia.

Support increased funding for accreditation technical assistance, (e.g., mini-grants), and incentives for child care centers, family child care homes and school-age programs.

Quality Standards

Support state licensing and other policies that increase quality standards and provide incentives to meet standards.

Support changes to Georgia's licensing standards AND develop funding strategies to assist programs meet and exceed standards, including funding for professional development advisement and training, technical assistance, grants, and other incentives.

Child Care Subsidies

Increase the number of families who receive child care subsidies so that they can work and pursue education.

Support policies and funding to increase the number of families who are eligible to receive child care subsidies.

Home Visiting

Develop a Georgia home visiting system and a menu of evidence based programs to ensure children are healthy and prepared for school and to reduce child abuse and neglect.

Support the creation and funding of a state home visiting system to expand and enhance evidence based home visiting programs, coordinate training and technical assistance, collect and evaluate data, and ensure a range of community-based quality services.

Strengthening Families and Parent Engagement

Support policies, funding, and best practice programs to ensure (a) the Georgia Pre-K Resource Coordination Program (b) family friendly early learning programs, (c) school transition activities through developing early learning, family, and school partnerships, and (d) activities to promote parent engagement in their children's education.

P-16 Alignment

Support statewide and local efforts to create a seamless education for children and youth birth through post secondary and to pilot innovative community-based collaborations.

Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care (FFN)

Review and recommend policies and procedures that recognize FFN as a choice for families and provide an array of services to support these caregivers.

GAYC also supports the Georgia Birth to Five Coalition 2010 Legislative Agenda, Policy Priorities and Activities

The Georgia Association on Young Children is an affiliate of the Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).