



End Mass Incarceration GA Network General Meeting

Cradle Justice: Breaking the Preschool to Prison Pipeline by Starting at the Beginning

Guest Presenters:

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WHEN:
Mon., Aug. 28
1:00 p.m.

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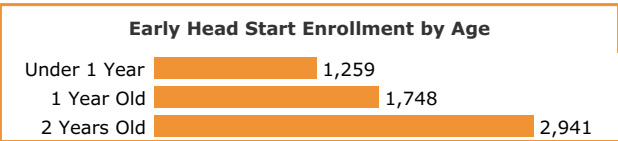
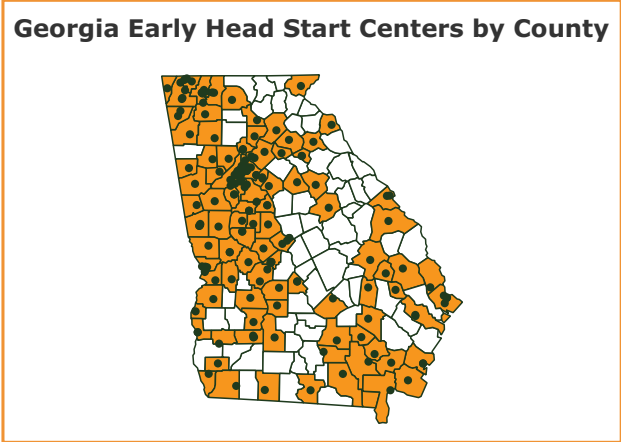
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Georgia Early Head Start Dashboard

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Georgia Early Head Start

Early Head Start provides comprehensive services to children ages 0-3 and pregnant women. Its mission is to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, to enhance the development of very young children, and to promote healthy family functioning.



How is Georgia's Early Head Start meeting the needs of young children in the state?

Children Ages 0-3 382,653	Children Ages 0-3 in Poverty 23.5% 90,056	Children Under Age 6 Living in Foster Care 5,415	Children Under Age 6 Experiencing Homelessness 36,796
Early Head Start Funded Enrollment 27,940	Early Head Start Children in Poverty 23,282	Early Head Start Children Living in Foster Care 304	Early Head Start Children Experiencing Homelessness 915
Head Start Children with a Disability: 2,198		Head Start Children with a Chronic Condition: 2,345	



"If I didn't have Head Start, I don't believe I would've been able to finish school and start college this semester. Head Start has made a huge impact in my son's life as well, and I wouldn't change my decision to put my kids in this program for anything. I would tell anyone that this program is not only good for kids, but it can open doors for you to improve your life, too."

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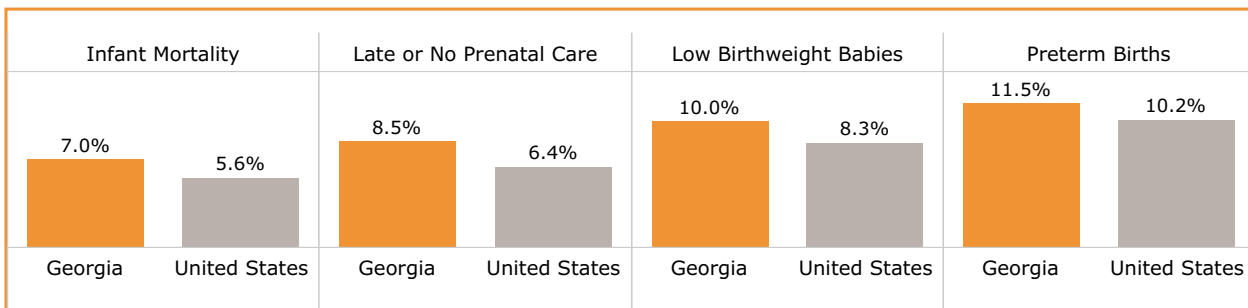
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Georgia Early Head Start Health

Wellness is recognized as a significant contributor to each child's ability to thrive and develop. Early Head Start promotes healthy prenatal outcomes, enhances the development of infants and toddlers, and promotes healthy family functioning. Accordingly, health screenings evaluate the child's overall health status and regular health check-up and good practices in oral health, hygiene, nutrition, personal care, an..

Children in Early Head Start Received the Following Services by the End of the Year

Health Insurance 94%	Medical Home 95%	Up-to-date Immunizations 85%	Up-to-date on Medical Visits 85%	Dental Care 90%	Mental Health Services & Referrals 5,732
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Pregnant Women in Early Head Start Received the Following Services by the End of the Year

Health Insurance 88%	Prenatal Education 95%
Prenatal Care 99%	Postpartum Care 72%



Georgia's Health Needs

In Georgia, there are **19.2** pediatric physicians per 100k residents. There are **21.3** pediatric physicians per 100K residents in metropolitan areas of Georgia. This drops to **9.3** pediatric physicians for every 100K residents when looking at rural communities in the state. Out of the 159 Georgia counties, **63** do not have a practicing pediatrician.

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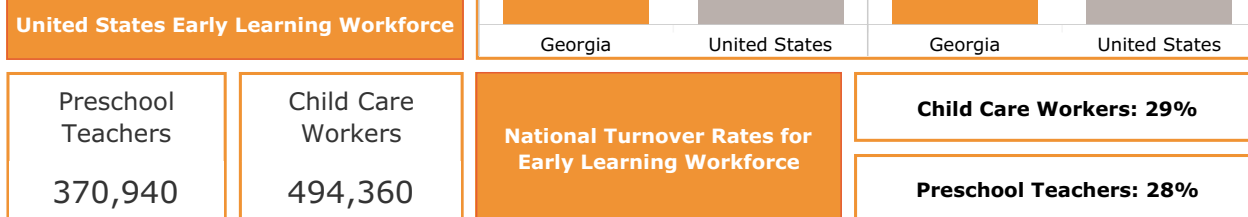
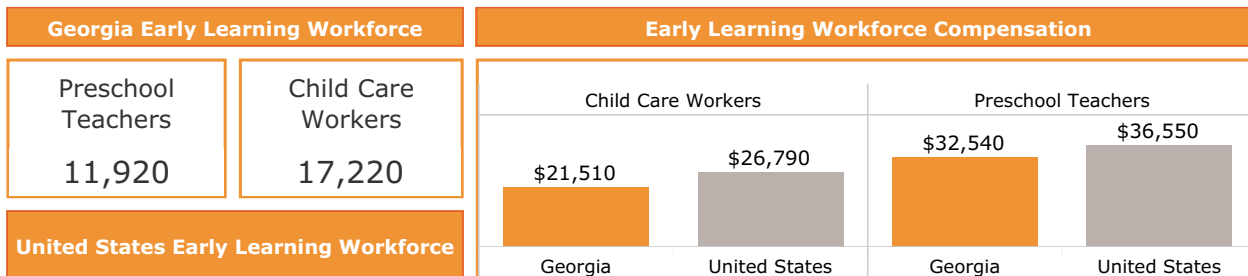
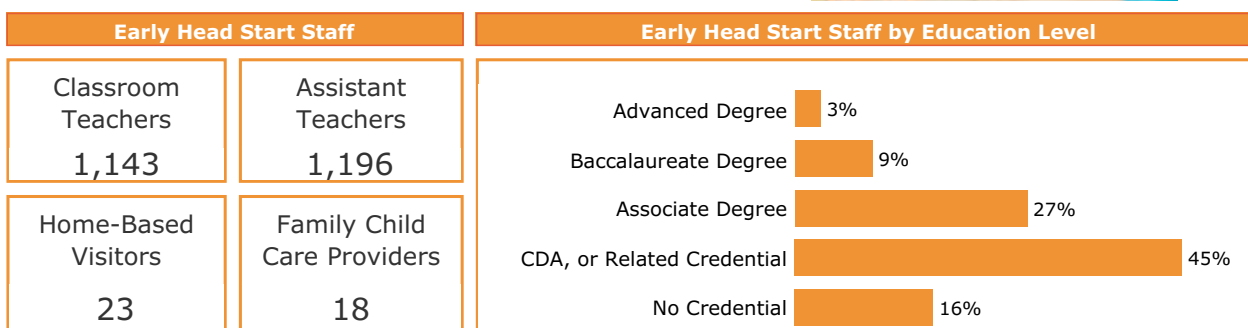


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Georgia Early Head Start Workforce

Child care workers are essential to children's learning and development and serve as a vital support for families. Effective, nurturing, and responsive teaching practices and interactions are key for all learning in early childhood settings. Early Head Start staff work with children to build on their patterns of development and learning to support social, emotional, behavioral, and language development.



Child care workers continue to be one of the lowest-paid occupations nationwide. **The poverty rate for early educators in Georgia is 16.7 percent**, much higher than for Georgia workers in general (10.7 percent). Child care workers need public investment and state policies to support early educators and the children they care for and teach.

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Georgia Department of Public Health

Babies Can't Wait

Presentation to: **EMI Georgia Network**

Presented by: Stefanie Clardy, BCW EIC

Date: 08/28/23



We Protect Lives.

Babies Can't Wait

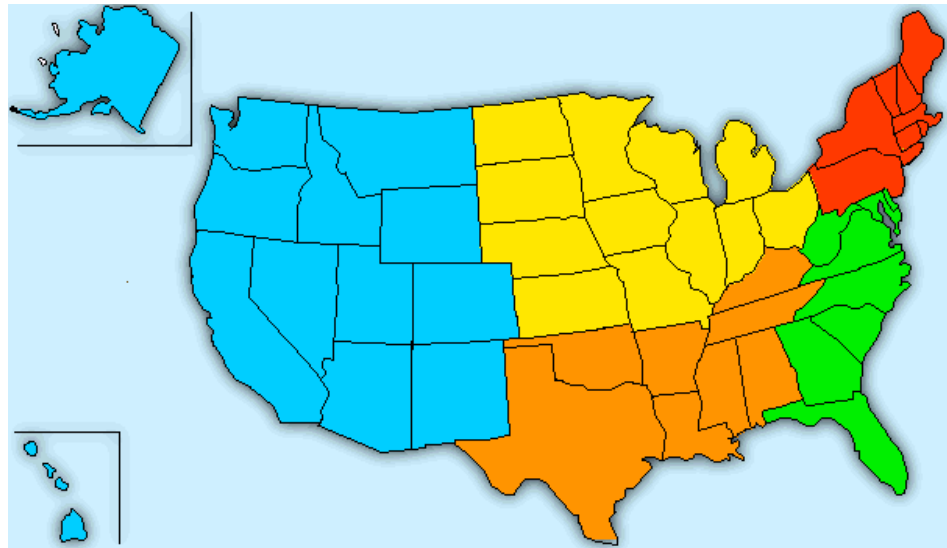
Purpose

Improve the developmental potential of infants and toddlers birth to age 3, with significant developmental delays or health conditions linked to significant developmental delays.



Part C of IDEA

- Established as a voluntary program under Federal Public Law 99-457 in 1986
- Currently exists in every State



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- Funding Sources:
 - Federal (U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – IDEA Part C)
 - State funds
 - Insurance: Private or Public (e.g. Medicaid, PeachCare)
 - Family Cost Participation
 - BCW as payer of last resort

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The following services must be available at no cost to all families:

Screening

Assessment

Initial Evaluation

IFSP Development

Due Process/Procedural Safeguards

Service Coordination

WHY BCW ???

- To minimize need for special education and support services in the future.
- To help children develop to their fullest potential and support families & children to fully participate in their communities.



WHY BCW ???



- To support families in developing natural support systems that will last after BCW.
- To empower families to advocate for their child's needs.

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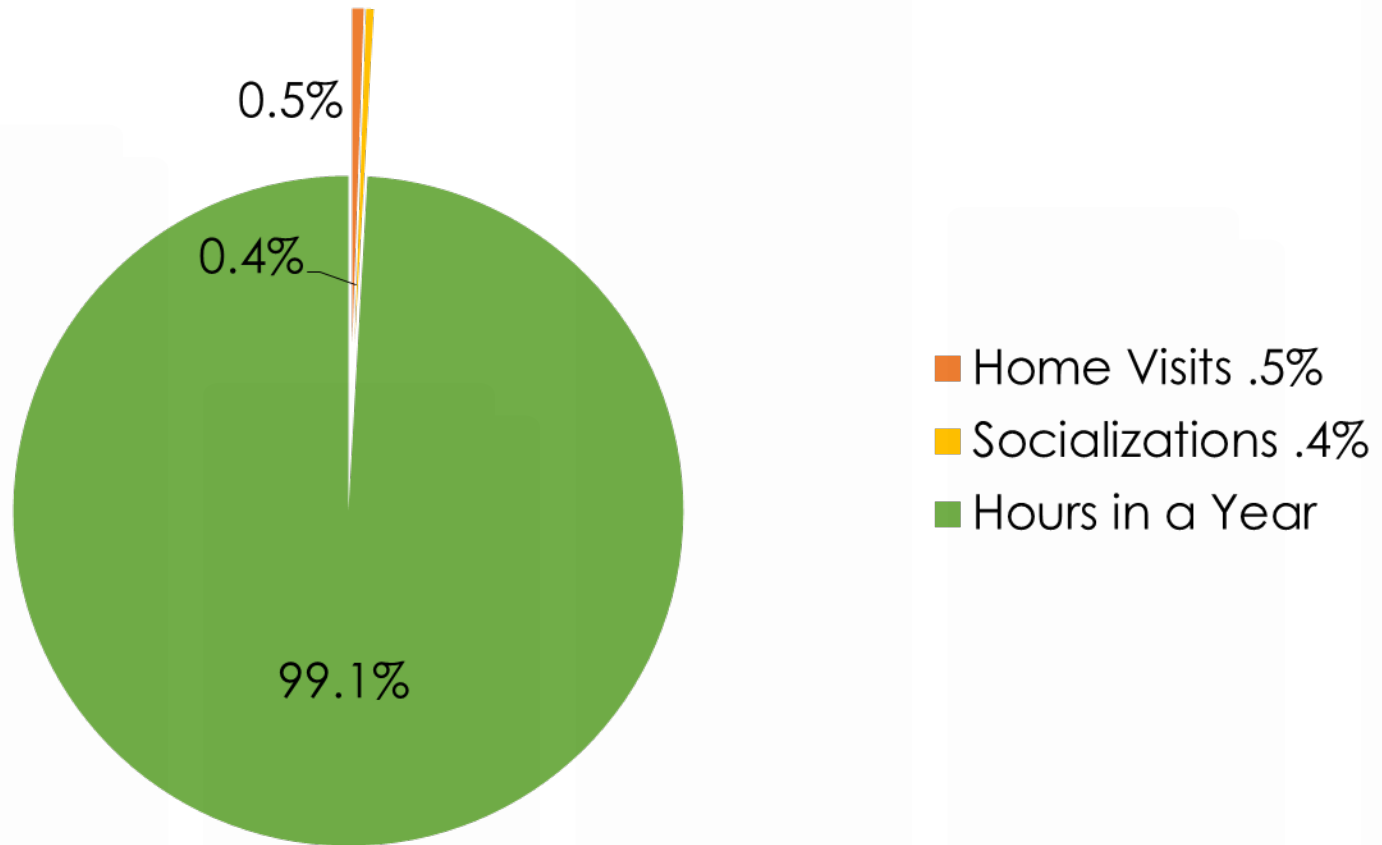


The spirit and intent of IDEA:
Part C promotes provision
of **family-centered
services**, provision of
services in **natural
environments**, and early
intervention **providers as
supports** for families of
young children with special
needs.

Family-Centered

Care that recognizes and respects the pivotal role of the family in the lives of children. It supports families in their natural care-giving roles, promotes normal patterns of living, and ensures family collaboration and choice in the provision of services to the child.

Why Family Centered?



How Children Learn The Environment



Through repeated interactions with the environment, dispersed over time.

Not in massed trials.

Home Visit

Between Visits

Home Visit

Family

Family

**Family-Child Interactions
&
Other Learning Opportunities**

Child Learning

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- **Referral:**

- Children 1st,
Physicians, Parents,
Others

***Anyone can refer a
child to Babies
Can't Wait!!!***

912-644-5804



- **Services:**

- Statewide
- Nationwide

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Eligibility



Category 1: Child with a specific diagnosed health condition with high incidence of developmental delay.

Category 2: Significant developmental delay determined through evaluation process.



No financial eligibility

Consent for Service



- Parents must provide informed **written** consent for services under Babies Can't Wait.
- This includes evaluation, IFSP development, service provision.
- If parental rights have been terminated, surrogate parents must be assigned and then provide necessary consent.

Individualized Family Service Plan

- Within 45 days of referral
- Team process – parent(s), service coordinator, + 2 disciplines
- Includes statement of family resources, priorities
- Includes statements of child's present levels of functioning
- Includes major outcomes to be achieved
- Identifies supports, services & service delivery settings to help meet outcomes
- Reviewed at least every 6 months; New IFSP developed annually



Transition

- Helps families learn about various options they may want to consider for their child after leaving Babies Can't Wait.
- Options may include public preschool special education, private child care, private preschool, private therapies, Head Start, Children 1st, etc.



BCW Information:

State: <http://dph.georgia.gov/Babies-Cant-Wait>

District: http://www.gachd.org/programs-services/child-health-services/babies_cant_wait/

Thoughts/Questions?



**Babies Can't Wait
Coastal 9-1 District**

Info: 912-644-5806 or 912-644-5821

C1st Referral Line: 912-644-5804

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