

SPRING 2023



# Child Care Resource & Referral

OF SOUTHEAST GEORGIA

AT SAVANNAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE



**CHILD CARE  
PROVIDER  
APPRECIATION  
DAY IS  
MAY 12TH!**

## *fun ways to celebrate*

Recognize their efforts publicly!

- Host an employee award ceremony or create a wall of fame.
- Give a social media shout out. Make sure it is sharable.

Spoil them with gifts!

- If you don't have the budget to do gifts or gift cards for all staff, do a drawing for a few gifts.
- Create a special parking space. Everyone likes to roll into the parking lot knowing they have the best spot!
- Give hand written personalized thank you cards.
- Provide lunch or a dessert bar. Even a few boxes of some really good ice cream treats can go a long way.
- Bring in a food truck and make everything "on the house".

Spoil them with time!

- Provide an experience or field trip for the staff.
- Play team games and do competitions. Anything from health challenges to costume contests. Just make sure it is something everyone can participate in.
- Volunteer together. Even if it is after work hours, set up opportunities to volunteer time.
- Give a couple extra hours of time off. Everyone likes to be off work!





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Brian P. Kemp  
Governor

Amy M. Jacobs  
Commissioner

April 2023

Dear Child Care Professionals of Georgia:

I am writing to give you a preview of a change that will make DECAL's Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program more convenient for child care providers. As you may know, CAPS administers the federal Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) for the state. We issue scholarships to eligible low-income families for use with Quality Rated child care providers and reimburse the providers serving these children.



Until now our relationships with CAPS providers have been handled by a vendor. Beginning in the fourth quarter of this year, a dedicated team of DECAL employees will support CAPS providers directly. We at DECAL have longstanding relationships with Georgia child care providers, and we are making this change so that we can build on our existing relationships and improve services for providers. We organized our new provider relations team in consultation with some of our current CAPS providers.

The CAPS provider relations team will perform all the functions the vendor currently does, including enrollment of new providers, annual renewals, customer support, and provider training. We will also expand our outreach and training activities. We'll take a proactive approach to helping providers bill correctly; we'll offer more training and technical assistance; and we'll reach out to newly licensed providers to let them know about the advantages of participating in CAPS.

CAPS supports eligible families in reaching self-sufficiency, and CAPS providers play a crucial role in making high-quality care and education available to low-income families. CAPS providers can bill weekly for their services and receive payment by ACH transfer, usually within 10 days. CAPS providers also receive tiered reimbursement based on Quality Rated star levels. Click [here](#) if you would like to learn about becoming a CAPS provider.

I know that providing child care is a labor of love, and I am grateful for all you do to support Georgia's children.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Elisabetta Kasfir in black ink.

Elisabetta Kasfir

Deputy Commissioner for Federal Programs

Don't forget to complete the 2023 Survey on Quality in Georgia Child Care sent from [DECALfeedback@urban.org](mailto:DECALfeedback@urban.org) by May 1st!

# Professional Development Opportunities

We offer FREE professional development! To find a training, just go to our [training\\_page](#), look on the calendar, and click the training for which you want to register. A window will pop up and you can scroll down to find the GaPDS registration link you need to click on in order to register.

## CHILDCARE INDUSTRY WORKSHOP SERIES

HOSTED BY





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BY SAVANNAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Small Business Development Center  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

April 11, 2023 - June 27, 2023

If you are in the childcare industry, this FREE educational workshop series is for you.

## Register to Win up to **\$1000** In Business Scholarships



### WORKSHOP DATES

MONTH	Workshop Title	Date
<b>APRIL</b>	How to Start a Childcare Center:	4/11
	Benefits of Quality Rated:	4/18
	Credit Building Workshop:	4/25
<b>MAY</b>	Work Smarter Not Harder:	5/2
	Quickbooks 101 for Childcare:	5/9
	How to Access Grants & Public Benefits:	5/16
	Credit Building Workshop:	5/23
	Finding the Right Staff - Recruiting and Retaining:	5/30
<b>JUNE</b>	Marketing Your Childcare Center:	6/6
	How to Get a Loan with SBAC:	6/13
	Time Management in a Childcare Center:	6/20
	Credit Building Workshop:	6/27

### ABOUT OUR WORKSHOP


The Childcare Industry Workshop is a series of free educational sessions for individuals and businesses in the childcare industry.

The workshop features professionals, experts and leaders presenting different topics unique to the industry.

Childcare professionals will receive an overview on how to navigate the challenges and meet the needs necessary to operate a successful childcare business.

**All workshops are held virtually on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm**

## REGISTER TODAY




Small Business Assistance Corporation  
**912-232-4700**

# *Juneteenth Activities and Resources*

## **Art**

Begin by reading “The Colors of Us” by Karen Katz. Then in small groups help children create and name their skin tone by mixing paint. While the children work, talk about different skin colors positively and about the importance of differences, encouraging the children to notice similarities and differences. Discuss why uniqueness is important. After all the children have made their skin color have them paint together on a large poster board or butcher paper, creating a community painting of all the skin colors represented in the classroom. Children can add to this piece by writing their names and/or the name of their skin color. Post the artwork for everyone to see.

Materials: large surface for painting; poster board, butcher paper, etc., cups, bowls, or other containers for mixing, plastic spoons, large popsicle sticks, or other item for mixing, brown, white, and black paint, small amounts of orange, yellow, and red paint to tint skin colors, paint brushes.



## **Math**

Begin by reading “Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth” by Alice Faye Duncan. Then, in small groups, make Juneteenth “Red Punch” Strawberry Lemonade. While making the lemonade, highlight math concepts while having children follow the steps (sequencing), taste the individual ingredients (attributes), recognize and name quantity as children measure, recognize and name sensory impressions as ingredients mix together and change color/texture/taste (attributes). Once the product is finished, make a chart with comparisons to other drinks they have tried before that are the same or different and list other red drinks they have seen or tasted before. Post the charts/graphs for everyone to see.

Materials: Juneteenth “red punch” strawberry lemonade recipe from book, food materials, child-friendly knives and cutting spaces (boards, paper plates, etc.), measuring cups, blender/mixer, pitcher/punch bowl, cups for serving, chart paper, markers or other writing materials.

# Juneteenth Activities and Resources

## Fine Motor

Begin by reading “Juneteenth for Mazie” by Floyd Cooper. Afterwards, provide children with materials to string necklaces, bracelets, or other adornments.

Materials: string, wire, yarn, pipe cleaners, blue, red, white beads, dyed pasta (ditalini, rigatoni, penne), buttons, etc.

## Books

- o “All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom” by Angela Johnson
  - o “Juneteenth for Mazie” by Floyd Cooper
- o “Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth” by Alice Faye Duncan
- o “The Juneteenth Story: Celebrating the End of Slavery in the United States” by Alliah L. Agostini
  - o “Free at Last: A Juneteenth Poem” by Sojourner Kincaid Rolle
    - o “The Undefeated” by Kwame Alexander
      - o “My People” by Langston Hughes
      - o “The Colors of Us” by Karen Katz
      - o “Our Skin” by Megan Madison
    - o “Shades of Black” by Sandra L. Pinkney
      - o “Skin Again” by Bell Hooks
      - o “Dream Street” by Tricia Elam Walker
    - o “Who Are Your People?” by Bakari Sellers
  - o “Change Sings: A Children's Anthem” by Amanda Gorman
    - o “Follow the Drinking Gourd” by Jeanette Winter
  - o “Like a Bird: The Art of the American Slave Song” by Cynthia Grady
- o “Dark Was the Night: Blind Willie Johnson's Journey to the Stars” by Gary Golio
  - o “Soul Food Sunday” by Winsome Bingham
  - o “Nina: A Story of Nina Simone” by Traci N. Todd
- o “RESPECT: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul” by Carole Boston Weatherford
  - o “Freedom, We Sing” by Amyra León
  - o “In the Garden with Dr. Carver” by Susan Grigsby
- o A Weed Is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver” by Alike
- o “Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race” by Margot Lee Shetterly
  - o “Mae Among the Stars” by Roda Ahmed
- o “Look Up with Me: Neil deGrasse Tyson: A Life Among the Stars” by Jennifer Berne



## **PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVED A RATING**

**1/1/2023-3/31/2023**

**A. J. WARD MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL INC.  
ALICE & MARY WONDERLAND PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER LLC  
ANNEX HEAD START CENTER  
B. W. LESTER HEAD START CENTER  
BELLES AND BEAUS CHILDCARE CENTER  
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS DAY CARE & LEARNING CENTER  
BRIGHT MINDS PLAYHOUSE LLC  
BUTTERFIELD'S ACADEMY  
CALVARY'S KINDER ACADEMY  
CAMPBELL TAMMIE A  
DENISON SHARON D  
DREAM BUILDERS LEARNING CENTER  
EARLY LEARNERS ADVANCED LEARNING ACADEMY LLC  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY YMCA  
EMANUEL COUNTY HEAD START CENTER  
FIRST STEPS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL LLLP  
GLYNN HEAD START  
GOLDEN ISLES YMCA  
HAPPY FEET ACADEMY PRESCHOOL  
HIGHER LEARNING CHRISTIAN DAYCARE LLC  
HODGE MEMORIAL DAY CARE CENTER  
HOME '2' CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
HUG ME-N-LUV ME CHILDCARE LEARNING CENTER INC  
HYMON JOBREIA M.  
ISLANDS YMCA FUN CLUB  
KIDOVATIONS  
KID'S ACADEMY OF BAXLEY LLC  
LEAP YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT GES  
LEAP YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT RES  
LEAP YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT SHES  
LEE JANICE L  
LEISURE LAUGHTERS LEARNING ACADEMY  
LLOYD MARCIA D  
LOLLY'S PREKINDERGARTEN C C CENTER  
LONNON PATRICIA A.  
LOVE IN ACTION PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE  
LOWNDES I HEAD START CENTER**

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MONROE COUNTY

MOULTRY MAXWELL SAMANTHA T.

NANA'S SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE

OPEN DOORS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

ORCHARD RISE CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER

PAT-A-CAKE LEARNING ACADEMY

PEARSON HEAD START

PRECIOUS LITTLE JEWELS DAYCARE

QUILLA EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY

RIVERS DAY CARE

SGMC CHILD CARE CENTER

SHARON'S TINY TOTS

SMALL SMILES LEARNING & CHILDCARE CENTER

SMITH KALEAH N

TENDER YEARS LEARNING CENTER #14

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

THE LADY BAMFORD EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

THE LEARNING PLACE INC.

THE LITTLE SCHOOL OF SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY

THE STARTING POINT DAY CARE

THOMAS LAKESHA L

WASHINGTON COUNTY NB & PW CLUB

WATCH ME GROW LEARNING PLACE

WEATHERSPOON RETHA R.

YBASE AT BLANDFORD ELEMENTARY

YBASE AT GEORGETOWN K-8

YBASE AT HODGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

YBASE AT J. G. SMITH ELEMENTARY

YBASE AT PULASKI ELEMENTARY

YBASE AT RICE CREEK K-8

YBASE AT SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY

YBASE AT SOUTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

YMCA PRIME TIME

YMCA PRIME TIME @ W.G. NUNN ELEMENTARY

YMCA PRIMETIME @ CLYATTVILLE ELEM.

YMCA PRIMETIME @ DEWAR ELEMENTARY

YMCA PRIMETIME @ HAHIRA ELEMENTARY

YMCA PRIMETIME @ LAKE PARK ELEMENTARY

YMCA PRIMETIME @ MOULTON-BRANCH ELEM.

YMCA PRIMETIME @ WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY

YMCA PRIMETIME AT PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY