

Hello families:

The Georgia Department of Education has provided support and financial resources that can potentially support you and your child(ren). Please find below resources for school-age care programs and obtaining financial resources.

Finding Full Day School-Age Care Programs

The following two resources can help families identify providers in their area who offer care for schoolaged children during the work day and can help with distance learning.

- Georgia’s 1-877-ALL-GA-KIDS hotline can help parents find providers in their area who offer care for school-age children. Referral specialists will share contact information and other details about providers to help families find the best fit.
- Families can also visit <http://qualityrated.org/> to search for providers in their area. When using the search engine, families should select the “fulltime care for school age children” option.

The hotline and the website will generate a list of state licensed or licensed-exempt child care programs monitored by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL).

Obtaining Financial Assistance

Beginning September 1, 2020, financial support will be available for eligible families of students whose schools are operating on a virtual learning-only model. With funding from the Governor, DECAL has created the Supporting Onsite Learning for Virtual Education (SOLVE) Program that provides scholarships to cover the cost of out-of-home care for students ages 5-12 who are engaged in virtual learning. These scholarships are available to families whose incomes do not exceed 85% of the State Median Income, who meet an activity requirement, and who select an eligible provider. Parents may apply for a SOLVE Scholarship by visiting www.gateway.ga.gov. Additional information on this program is available at <http://www.decals.ga.gov/CAPS/Solve.aspx> or by calling 1-833-4GA-CAPS.