



# Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

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Dear CAPS Child Care Provider,

I am writing to let you know that the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is allocating an additional 500 slots for the Essential Services Workforce priority group for the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program. The Essential Services Workforce priority group was established April 1, 2020 to help individuals pay for child care whose jobs require them to work during the COVID-19 public health crisis. By allocating the additional slots, DECAL can continue to support certain members of Georgia's workforce.

When establishing the Essential Services Workforce priority group, DECAL identified three tiers of critical job categories. Currently, only tiers one and two are eligible for CAPS under this priority group. Those tiers include the following job categories: law enforcement, public safety, and other first responders; medical personnel who provide direct care to patients and the personnel who support direct care to patients; pharmacy personnel; child care personnel; and food and grocery personnel and those who work in this supply chain to meet the needs of Georgians.

Additional information on the Essential Services Workforce priority group is available at the Essential Services Workforce Application on the [Quality Rated Child Care website](#).

Thank you for all you do for Georgia's families.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner for Federal Programs