



Moving Forward with the Early Head Start and Child Care Partnerships: Highlights, Lessons Learned and Early Successes

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Welcome



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The National Context



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EARLY HEAD START—CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS

275 EHS-CC PARTNERSHIPS AND EXPANSION GRANTS



600

FAMILY CHILD
CARE HOMES



1,100

CHILD CARE
CENTERS



2,900

EHS-CC
CLASSES

CURRENT
ENROLLMENT

Over 50%

Data as of
10/30/15

EXPECTED
ENROLLMENT

32,000

Infants
and Toddlers

WIDE-REACHING
POSITIVE IMPACT

5,300

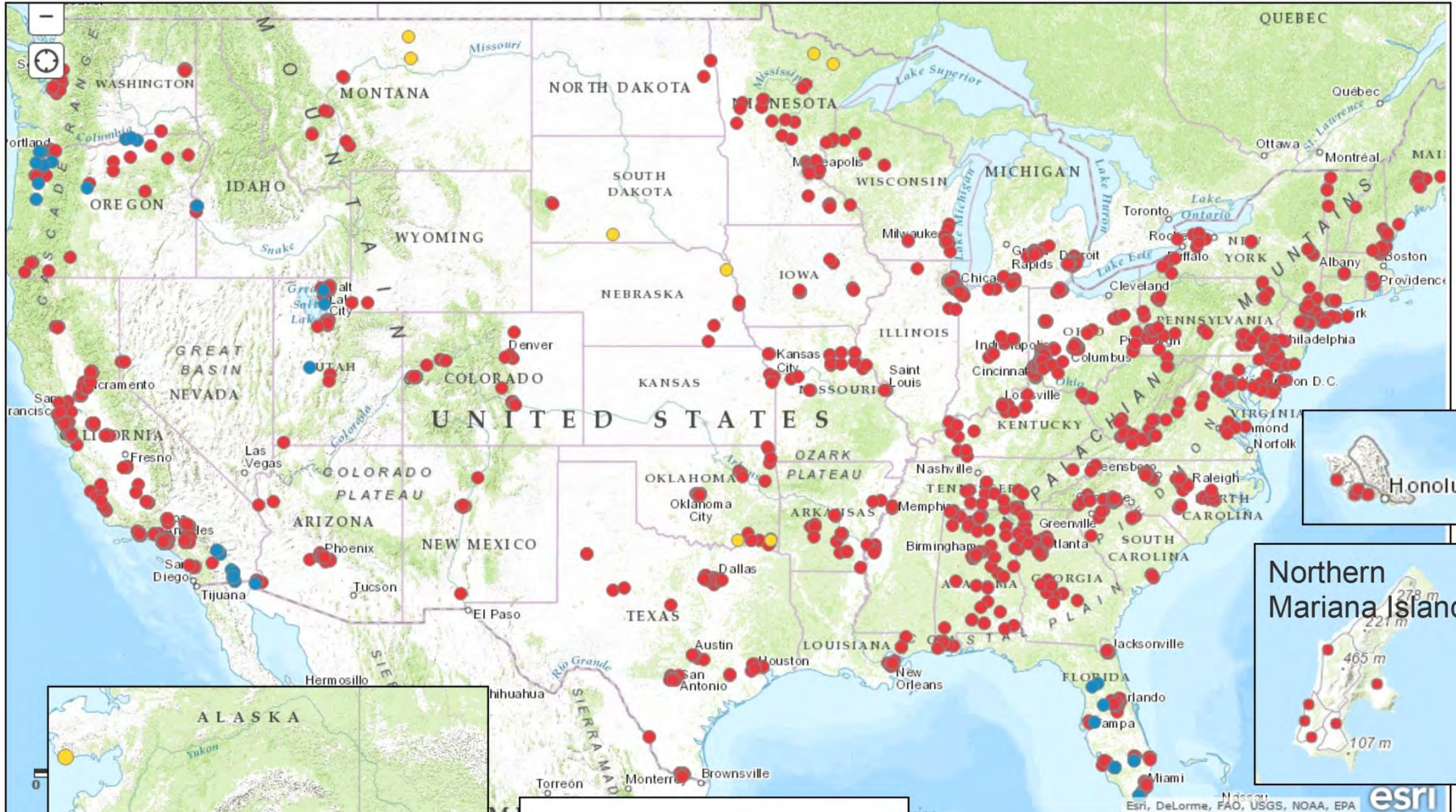
Non EHS-CCP
Children Benefiting in
the Same Classrooms



EHS-CC Partnerships and Expansion Make a Difference!

- ▶ Increased access to high-quality early learning environments
- ▶ An educated and fully qualified workforce for infants and toddlers
- ▶ Improved well-being of families and more children ready to learn





- Early Head Start
- Migrant Early Head Start
- AIAN Early Head Start



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Esri, DeLorme, FAO, USGS, NOAA, EPA

Key Priorities and Opportunities



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Grantee Perspectives



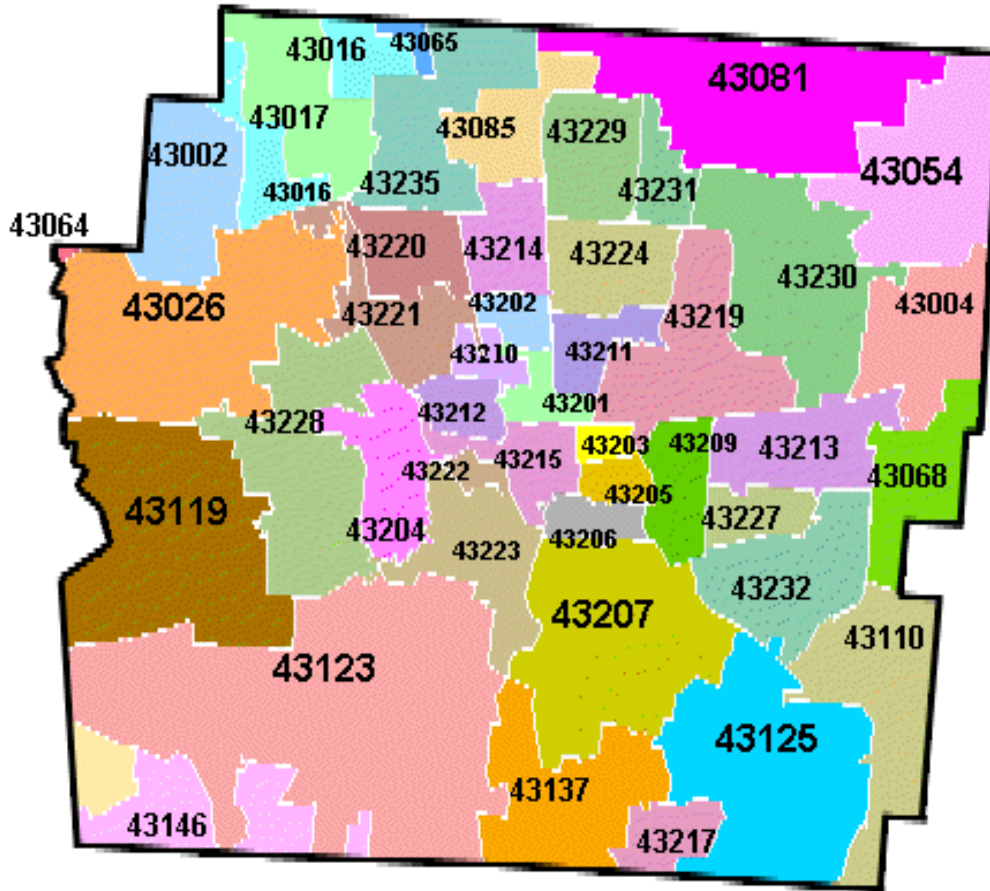
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The Ohio State University
Early Head Start
Partnership Program



FOA High Poverty Zip Codes
43203, 43205, 43211, 43222

City High Poverty Zip Codes
43201, 43206, 43207, 43209, 43219

Pockets of High Poverty
43204, 43212, 43213, 43215

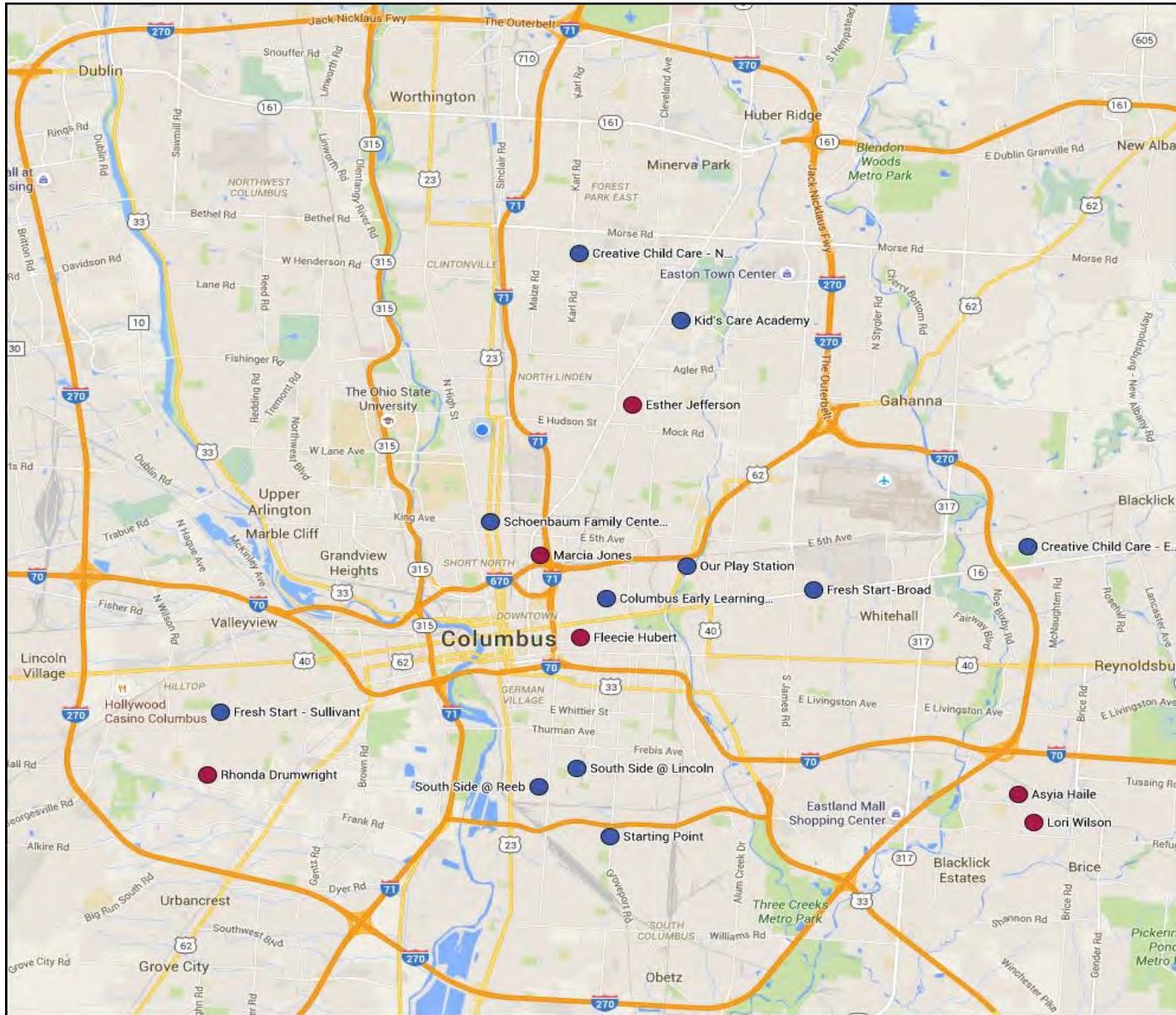
Not in Priority Zip Codes
43223, 43224, 43232



Partners

- **Action For Children**
- **Caring Communities Birth-3/Early Care and Learning, Inc.**
- **Children's Hunger Alliance**
- **Columbus Public Health Department**
- **Community Properties of Ohio**
- **Franklin County Board of DD**
- **Franklin County Family & Children First/Help Me Grow**
- **Moms2B**
- **Nationwide Children's Hospital**
- **St. Vincent Family Center**
- **OSU's College of Education and Human Ecology**

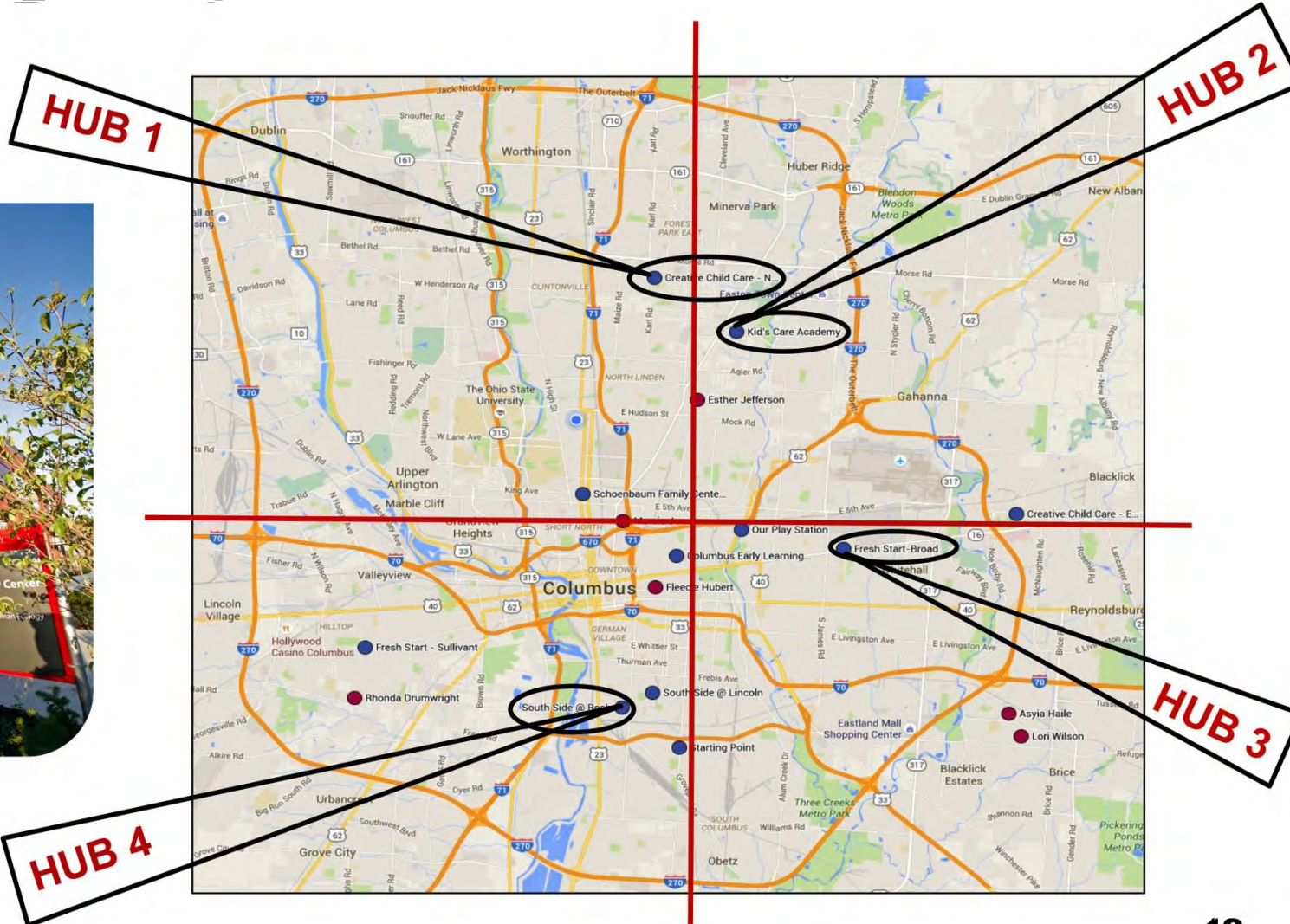




- Child Care Centers
- Family Child Care Providers



Partnership Program Provider Hubs





“Highly effective. Helpful. Genuine.
These are words that come to mind
when I think of how great this
partnership has been for my children
and the center as a whole.”

Child Care Provider



Lessons we are learning

- **Shared vision for change**
- **Significance of relationships & willingness to collaborate**
- **Leveraging resources works**
- **Clarity in decision making & role**
- **Open & honest communication**





Challenges and opportunities

- ❑ **Building Capacity - Business and Program**
- ❑ **Workforce Pipeline**
- ❑ **Funding structures & levels**
- ❑ **Adult/Child ratio**
- ❑ **Shared services – economy of scale**
- ❑ **Documenting collective impact- data and accountability**
- ❑ **Alignment – HS Standards, QRIS Standards, Licensing Standards**

Grantee Perspectives



Carol Hartman
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**Bright from the Start:
Georgia Department of Early Care and
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Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships**

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Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)



- Responsible for meeting the early education needs of Georgia's children birth to five years.
- Created in 2004 by an act of the legislature and Governor Sonny Perdue.
- Administers Georgia's Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers child care subsidies and quality initiatives using the federal Child Care and Development Fund, administers two federal nutrition programs, houses the Head Start Collaboration Office, and administers the Early Learning Challenge and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grants.

DECAL's Roles in EHS-CCP

- Eight Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grants awarded in Georgia.
 - Partnerships increase number of Georgia's children who can receive Early Head Start services by 41%.
- DECAL is one of the eight grantee agencies implementing the EHS partnerships.
- As the CCDF lead agency, DECAL works with the other seven EHS-CCP grantees and their partners to layer subsidies and promote access to comprehensive services for children and families.

DECAL's Early Head Start Partnership

Early Head Start Grantee

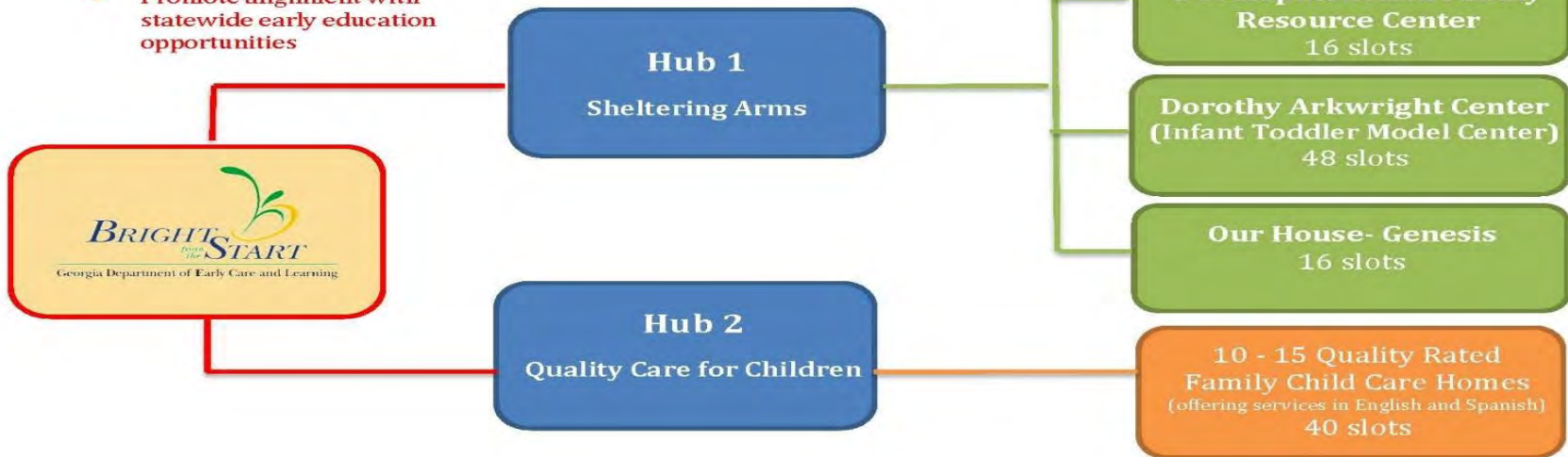
- Provide quality assurance and monitoring for the grant
- Negotiate contracts for state-wide shared comprehensive services
- Leverage agreements with other state agencies for services
- Layer multiple funding streams to promote quality and access
- Establish and manage grant agreements for subsidies with partnering child care programs
- Convene EHS Policy Council
- Provide fiscal oversight
- Provide GA PITC specialists and mentors at partner sites
- Ensure communication/feedback loops
- Support identification and referral of families receiving subsidies
- Promote alignment with statewide early education opportunities

Early Head Start Hubs

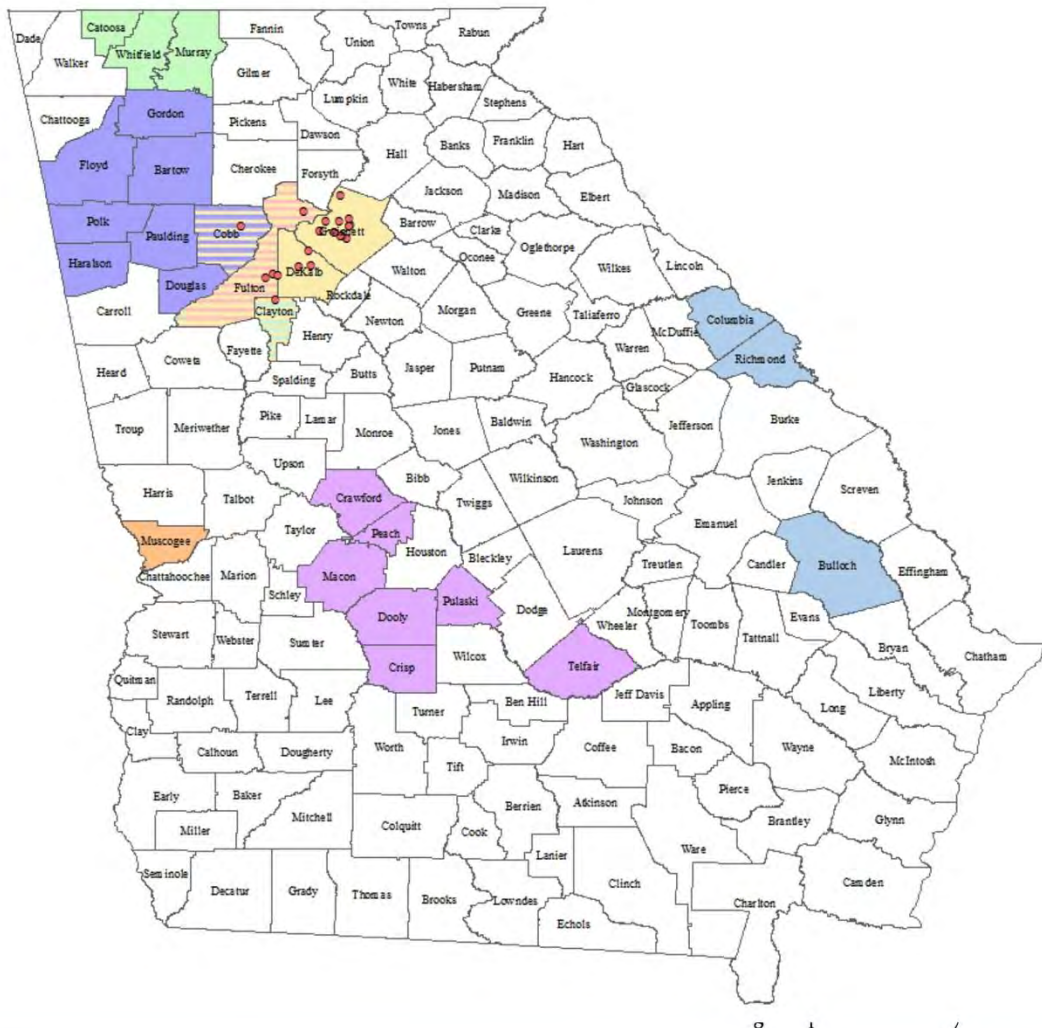
- Provide quality assurance and monitoring for EHS partners
- Negotiate contracts for regional shared comprehensive services
- Deliver technical assistance
- Provide professional development and coaching for all teachers at partner sites
- Hire and supervise Family Service Caseworkers and Child Development Specialists located at partner sites
- Convene Family Policy Council for the family child care hub

Early Head Start Partners

- Deliver high quality early education services meeting the EHS standards
- Deliver family support services
- Convene Family Policy Councils at centers
- Recruit and enroll eligible families

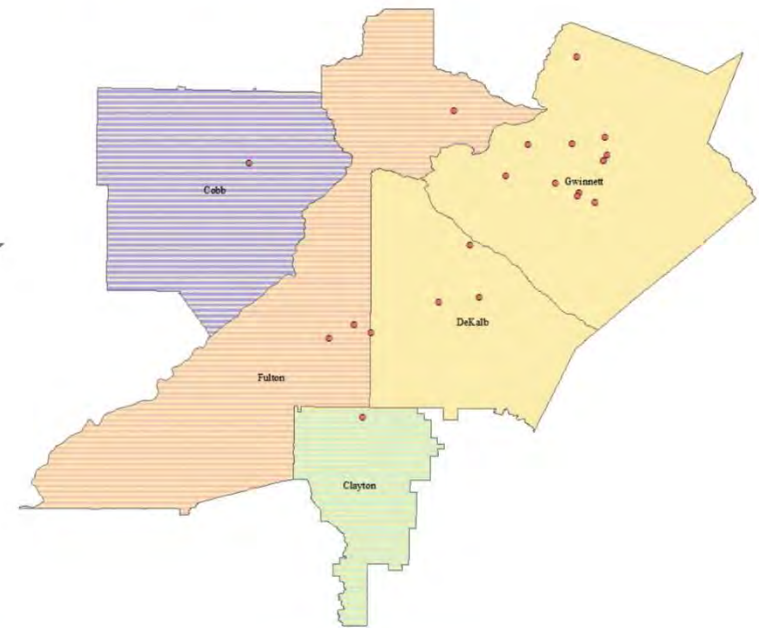


Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) Grantee Service Areas and DECAL Partnership Locations



EHS-CCP Participating Counties and DECAL Partnership Locations

- DECAL Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Site Location
- Clayton County Community Services Authority, Inc.
- CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. - Augusta
- DECAL
- Easter Seals North Georgia-Atlanta
- Enrichment Services Program, Inc. - Columbus
- Family Resource Agency, Inc. - Dalton
- Fort Valley State University
- Tallapoosa Community Action Partnership, Inc. - Cartersville



Layer Subsidy Funding



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Revise and implement subsidy policies and processes to support children and families enrolled in Early Head Start partnership programs.

- Create an eligibility determination process for EHS partnerships which also gathers data for federal CCDF reporting.
- Modify payment system to issue subsidy payments to EHS partners.
- Pursue state-level subsidy policy and procedure revisions where there is opportunity for flexibility to support EHS-CCP.
 - Align work requirements for families who are income eligible for both EHS and subsidies by allowing the parent's Early Head Start volunteer hours to be added to the parent's work, school, and/or training hours to meet the 24 hour per week requirement.
 - Align the subsidy family fee structure so that families with incomes at or below 100% FPL pay no fees.
 - Establish a new exit income limit which allows families receiving subsidies to benefit from modest increases in wages without losing subsidies.

System-building Opportunity

- The Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grant provides the opportunity for DECAL to better align and coordinate with federal, state, and local partners.
- The DECAL Early Head Start Partnership provides the opportunity to enhance the quality of care for infants and toddlers and help the department better understand the supports needed and costs of delivering comprehensive services.
- The grant fits with the department's focus on improving access to higher quality early childhood education; not by building programs but by building the system.

Questions and Discussion



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Resources

OHS and OCC Regional Offices

National Center on EHS-CC Partnerships

See: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehs-ccp>

Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center

See: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>