



GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

## **Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network 2017 Policy Priorities**

### **State**

Increase provider access to and utilization of the Afterschool & Youth Development Quality Standards and the Quality Rated School Age program

Expand curricular and funding resources and professional learning opportunities for afterschool programs

Strengthen nutrition, physical activity, and health programs in afterschool programs

Increased awareness about the availability, value, and impacts of afterschool programs

Reduce barriers for afterschool providers to access government funding opportunities and increase access to private funding

Strengthen interagency communications and collaborative systems that support children, youth, and youth serving organizations

Increased opportunities for afterschool within Georgia's Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan

### **Federal**

Sustained funding for federal programs supporting afterschool in Georgia, including the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program, the Child Care Development Fund, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

Increased and renewed support for effective college-ready and life-ready programs

Strengthen afterschool and summer nutrition programs