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**Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network**

**2018 Policy Priorities**

**State**

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

Strengthen rules and regulations, including training requirements, QRIS, and licensing, to better support school age care

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

Strengthen literacy, nutrition, physical activity, health, and workforce development programs in afterschool and summer learning programs

Increase awareness about the availability, value, and impacts of afterschool and summer learning programs

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

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

Increase opportunities for afterschool and summer learning within Georgia’s State Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan and in district implementation of the plan

**Federal**

Sustain funding for federal programs supporting afterschool and summer learning programs in Georgia, including the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program, the Child Care Development Fund, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

Increase and renew support for effective college-ready and life-ready programs

Strengthen afterschool and summer nutrition programs, including streamlining of programs