



**WELCOME!**

# Overview of New Guidance for Afterschool

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# Housekeeping: Utilizing Zoom



- Everyone is currently in listen only mode, but we want to hear from you! Throughout the webinar, please:
  - “Raise your hand” to comment and respond to questions
  - Use the chat box
  - Respond to polls to keep GSAN informed and help us to better support you and your program

# Agenda



- Hearing from You: *What services are you providing?*
- Federal Updates
- New State Guidance
- Resource Sharing
- Hearing from You: *How can GSAN better support you?*

**Who is here?**

**And, how are you doing?**

# GSAN's COVID-19 Resources Webpage



## **Check out our COVID-19 webpage**

Looking for policy updates, professional development opportunities, and resources? We've got you covered!

Continue to check back for updates at:

<http://www.afterschoolga.org/resources/covid19/>

# COVID-19 Related Updates & Resources



- Georgia Department of Public Health COVID-19 Daily Status Report
- CDC Guidance for Schools and Childcare Programs
- Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency
- Georgia Department of Labor COVID-19 Information
- Georgia's COVID-19 Hotline: **(844) 442-2681**
- Georgia Crisis and Access Line: **1-800-715-4225**

# Federal Updates



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended several waivers.

This will allow continued operation of Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option through Dec 31, 2020.

- Area Eligibility
- Non-Congregate Feeding
- Meal Service Times
- Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children

Organizations that wish to utilize waivers must first notify Leslie Truman at [Leslie.Truman@decal.ga.gov](mailto:Leslie.Truman@decal.ga.gov)

# Federal Updates



At-Risk Afterschool programs must provide an education or enrichment activity.

BUT these activities may be conducted virtually or in other non-congregate ways.

- Digital Nutrition Resources for Kids
- GSAN's Summer Activity Guide - It doesn't have to be just for summer!



# Federal Updates



**Thank you to everyone who reached out to  
Congress to support feeding Georgia's  
children!**

...but the work's not done. Help us encourage USDA to  
extend these waivers for the entire school year.

# Federal: Take Action!



Afterschool Alliance, the Bipartisan Policy Center, and others called on Congress to include at least **\$6.2 billion** in 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program support.

Contact Congress to support the afterschool and summer learning programs in the next COVID-19 stimulus package at [3to6.co/congress](https://3to6.co/congress)

[Link to GSAN's Action Alert](#)

# State Updates



Governor Kemp issued an [Executive Order \(08/15/20\)](#) expanding the regulation definition of day camps.

Governor Kemp issued an [Executive Order \(08/31/20\)](#) extending the Public Health State of Emergency.

Governor Kemp issued an [Executive Order \(08/31/20\)](#) providing additional guidance and empowering a healthy Georgia in response to COVID-19.

# Guidance for Georgia Child Care Facilities



- **Guidance** issued by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and the Georgia Department of Public Health. This includes both **REQUIREMENTS** and **RECOMMENDATIONS**.
- **Topics Include:**
  - Drop-off/Arrival Procedures
  - Preventing the Spread in the Child Care Environment
  - Playgrounds
  - Cleaning and Hygiene
  - Food Preparation and Meal Service
  - Visitors to the Facility
  - Cloth Face Coverings
  - Protecting Vulnerable Populations
  - Monitoring for Clinical Signs and Symptoms
  - Handling Probable or Confirmed Positive Cases of COVID-19
  - Children and Staff that Become Ill
  - Returning to Child Care
  - Reporting
  - Communication and Combating Misinformation
  - Water and Ventilation Systems
  - Transportation

# SOLVE the Issue of Care for Georgia's Children



- Supporting Onsite Learning for Virtual Education Program (SOLVE) scholarships will support working families with students (ages 5-12) enrolled in a Georgia public school system offering only virtual learning by paying for care, supervision, and support during the school day (\$17-19 million).
  - Notify DECAL with your updated status and report if you are providing full day in person programming in KOALA at [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com).
  - Help parents find the [qualityrated.org](http://qualityrated.org) database to identify providers that they would like to use, which now includes a filter for "**fulltime care for school age children.**"
  - Direct families to apply through <https://gateway.ga.gov/> starting **September 1** to ensure affordable care.

Learn more [here](#). Still have questions? Email [solve@decals.ga.gov](mailto:solve@decals.ga.gov)

# Tools to Help You Connect with Schools



- Providers Offering Full Day In Person Programming to School Age Children - Email Template with SOLVE Information
- Blueprint for How Afterschool and Community Programs Can Help
- Afterschool Staff as Support
- How Afterschool Supports Georgia's Students' Learning Needs
- Coordinating Student Grouping to Limit Spread
- Afterschool Alliance COVID-19 Data Dashboard
- Afterschool in the Time of COVID-19

# Resource Guide



Fill out our survey with your program information [here!](#)

Here's our [2020 – 2021 School Day Support Webpage](#) that can be used by school districts, and other stakeholders to help families find programs and services in their local communities.

# Pandemic Electronics Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)



- Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is a newly available benefit available for **children who were receiving free or reduced price lunch at school in March 2020**. Children who are already receiving SNAP will automatically receive the benefit without applying.
- Eligible children who are not on SNAP must apply for P-EBT on Gateway by **September 25, 2020** to receive the benefit.
- Learn more at the Division of Family and Children Services P-EBT page.

For state P-EBT general information, email [customer\\_services\\_dfcs@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:customer_services_dfcs@dhs.ga.gov)

For state P-EBT general information phone number: [404-657-3433](tel:404-657-3433)

Customer Contact Center (toll-free): [877-423-4746](tel:877-423-4746)

If you are still having issues, contact the P-EBT direct line at 855-501-INFO (4636).



# Housing Support



High housing cost burdens risk other negative outcomes for children such as homelessness, overcrowding, poor nutrition, transiency, lack of supervision while parents are at work, and challenges for educational achievement. Share the resources below to ensure all children thrive.

- Learn about rental assistance programs through [211.org](https://www.211.org) or by dialing 2-1-1.
- The Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) can help those struggling with finances. [Apply for the Housing Choice Voucher Program](#) and [find available rental housing](#).
- The [Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation](#) stands with low-income tenants and survivors of intimate partner violence as they fight for justice, providing free social and legal help.
- Call the [Georgia Legal Services Program](#) Hotline for help with housing, domestic violence, or other legal needs: **1-833-GLSPLAW or (833) 457-7529**.
- The [Housing Justice League](#) has a **COVID-19 Hotline: (404) 946-9953** as well as additional [eviction defense](#) supports.
- Georgia Legal Aid has [housing information and supports](#) for both renters and homeowners.

# The Summer Activity Guide – not just for summer!



A suite of activities and resources designed to support delivering programming – whether in-person, virtual, or sent in take-home packets.

## **OUT NOW:**

- Units 1-5 with Implementation Videos and Supply Lists
- OnDemand Webinars
- Implementation videos for each unit
- Quick Guides for providers & families
- Georgia specific resources for supporting your own and your youth's emotional well-being
- *Unit 1 & 2 are now available in Spanish – more units coming soon!*

Learn more at: [www.summeractivityguide.org](http://www.summeractivityguide.org)

For all COVID-19 updates, resources, virtual events, and forum slides visit [www.afterschoolga.org/resources/covid19](http://www.afterschoolga.org/resources/covid19)

# The Summer Activity Guide Evaluation



Did you use the Summer Activity Guide?

If so, please help us better understand how we can improve future resources by completing this [evaluation survey](#).

# Mizzen by Mott

Mizzen by Mott is a new app that helps afterschool programs support kids — wherever they are!

Get hands-on activities that foster well-being and learning in arts, STEM, storytelling, music, yoga and youth voice.

**Supported by the Mott Foundation, Mizzen is free to download from your favorite app store.**

[www.mizzenapp.org/meet-mizzen-by-mott/georgia](http://www.mizzenapp.org/meet-mizzen-by-mott/georgia)



# Upcoming Professional Development and Learning



- ASYD September Mentoring Series – STAY TUNED!
- Million Girls Moonshot: Engineering Practices Support Equity
  - Part I: Tuesday, September 22 3:00pm
  - Part II: Tuesday, October 13, 3:00pm
  - Part III: Tuesday, November 10 3:00pm
- Get Your Digital Swagger Back
  - Thursday, September 4 1:00pm
  - Free 4-hour conference from Foundations Inc., Atlanta Speech School, and Campaign for Grade Level Reading

# Questions?



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