Two-Generation “2Gen” Approach

2Gen: An Overview

The Two-Generation (2Gen) approach to policy and programs disrupts generational cycles of poverty and poor outcomes by taking the whole family into account - focusing on the needs of the entire family, rather than on children or parents separately. Any policy, program, or service for parents or children, including those for early care and education, health, child welfare, and juvenile justice, can use a 2Gen approach.

The Two-Generation Continuum

2Gen policies address multiple areas that allow the whole family to change and thrive.

Economic Impact of 2Gen Approaches

- **21%** of Georgia’s children are in families living in poverty, with Black and Latino children being **3 times** as likely to live in poverty compared to their White peers.
- A **$3,000** increase in a parents’ income when their child is young is associated with a **17%** increase in their child’s future earnings.
- Children with college savings between **$1 and $499** are **3 times** more likely to go to college and **4 times** more likely to graduate.

*Household income below 100% of the federal poverty level. See [HHS Poverty Guidelines](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/poverty) for more info.*

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2Gen Models in Georgia*

Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
DECAL’s Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program:

- Provides access to high-quality and affordable early learning for families with low incomes
- Helps young learners achieve school readiness for greater academic gains in the long-term
- Assists families in achieving stability and self-sufficiency by providing financial support for childcare

DECAL also supports select technical colleges with Two-Generation Innovation Grants, which connect children from low-income families with quality early learning and helps their parents receive the training and education they need for well-paying jobs.

Department of Juvenile Justice
The Department of Juvenile Justice’s (DJJ) multi-organization Parenthood Project strives to enhance relationships between youth committed to secure placement who are parents and their children. Parenthood Project includes:

- Network of Trust School Health Program
  - Nurturing Parenting parent skills training
  - Storybook Moms and Dads, where a youth-parent is recorded reading a children’s book aloud and the book and recording are sent to their child
  - Angel Tree, which provides Christmas gifts for children on behalf of their parents

The Network of Trust also works to decrease the rate of child abuse.

*This is not a comprehensive list of 2Gen models in Georgia. Other examples include Home Visiting, Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS), The Boost Program: Making College Possible, and Nana grants.

Sources available here: https://tinyurl.com/TwoGenApproach
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