Two Generation “2Gen” Approach

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, housing, child welfare, and juvenile justice, can use a 2Gen approach.

The Two-Generation Continuum

child-focused

child-focused with parent elements (e.g. early childhood development, parenting skills, family literacy, and health screenings)

whole family

parent-focused with child elements (e.g. child care and workforce programs, food and nutrition, and supports for student parents)

parent-focused

Why support 2Gen policies?

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

Explore the impact of a 2Gen approach

- Improving access to childcare could address an estimated $1.75 billion economic loss to the state by reducing missed work and increasing economic opportunities for parents of young children.\(^2\)

- A $3,000 increase in a parent’s income when a child is young is associated with a 17% increase in a child’s future earnings.\(^3\)

- Children with college savings between $1 and $499 are 3 times more likely to go to college and 4 times more likely to graduate.\(^4\)
2Gen Models in Georgia

Department of Early Care and Learning’s (DECAL) 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 families with low-income to quality early learning and helps their parents receive the training and education they need for well-paying jobs.

Quality Care for Children’s Boost* Child Care Initiative

- Increases state investment in childcare subsidies to improve Georgia’s workforce
- Eliminates the CAPS eligibility gap
- Extends subsidy eligibility to parents attending college

*The Quality Care for Children’s (QCC) Boost Child Care Initiative is not affiliated with the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network’s BOOST Grants program.

Network of Trust School Health Program

- Promotes healthy moms and babies for pregnant teens and young mothers
- Increases mother’s self-esteem
- Increases rates of school attendance and graduation
- Decreases rates of child abuse

Voices for Georgia’s Children’s HealthyUs Pilot Program

- Nutrition coaching
- Benefit enrollment
- Assistance with navigating healthcare system
- Parenting skills
- Behavioral health services

HealthyUs is a pilot program, launched in partnership with QCC, that connects caregivers of children living in families with low-incomes to services and supports to improve health, well-being, family stability, and development/educational outcomes.
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