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Pre-K and Instructional Supports
Georgia’s Pre-K

- Voluntary, universal program for four year olds
- Funded through the Georgia Lottery for Education
- Began in 1992

2015 – 2016 School Year:
- % of 4 year olds served: 60%
- Slots: 84,000
- Classes: Approximately 3,900
- Waiting List: Approximately 5,000
- Cost per child: Approximately $4,260
Program Components

- Unique public-private partnership
- Credential requirements for teaching staff
- Approved curricula based on Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS)
- School Calendar: 180 days
- School Day: 6.5 instructional hours
Georgia’s Pre-K Longitudinal Study

Participation in Georgia’s Pre-K significantly improved children’s readiness skills across most domains of learning.

- Findings attest to the positive impact of Georgia’s program.
- Findings concerning literacy suggest that foundational reading skills are taught in many Georgia’s Pre-K Program classrooms.

Results attest to the positive impact of Georgia’s Pre-K Program and provide evidence that the program is a strong component of the state’s K-12 system.
Targeted six week school readiness program for income eligible children:

- **Rising Kindergarten Program**
  - Focused on children who did not attend Georgia’s Pre K or attended Georgia’s Pre-K or Head Start but need additional support who will attend Kindergarten in the fall

- **Rising Pre-K Program**
  - Focused on children whose home language is Spanish and who are enrolled to attend Pre-K in the fall

The overall goal of both the Rising K and the Pre-K summer programs is to support children’s transitions and development, particularly their early literacy skills, prior to kindergarten or pre-kindergarten entry.
Health Connections

- Screening follow up and referral
- Immunizations
- Healthy meals; USDA programs
- Preschool Special Education services
- Inclusive environments
- Supports for social emotional development