

**Legislative and Policy Priorities
2019 Session of the Georgia General Assembly**

Birth-12th Grade

- Increase state allocation for Child and Parent Services Program (CAPS - childcare subsidies) for Quality Rated childcare.
- Provide state funding to increase the number of literacy coaches statewide.
- Require **formative** reading assessments K-12th grade.
- Support vision and hearing assessments and subsequent appropriate services from PreK-12th grade.
- Expand health services for PreK-12th grade students; advocate for additional school-based health centers throughout Georgia.

Adult Years

- Increase the number of adult literacy instructors and access to adult learning opportunities throughout the state.
- Encourage revamping the Certified Literate Community Programs by funding a coordinator in each community and increasing accountability for literacy outcomes.

Libraries

- Increase funding for library operations; provide funding for marketing libraries as a community resource.

Literacy Coordinator and Council

- Create a statewide Literacy Coordinator and Council to align statewide literacy improvement efforts to minimize duplication and maximize investment