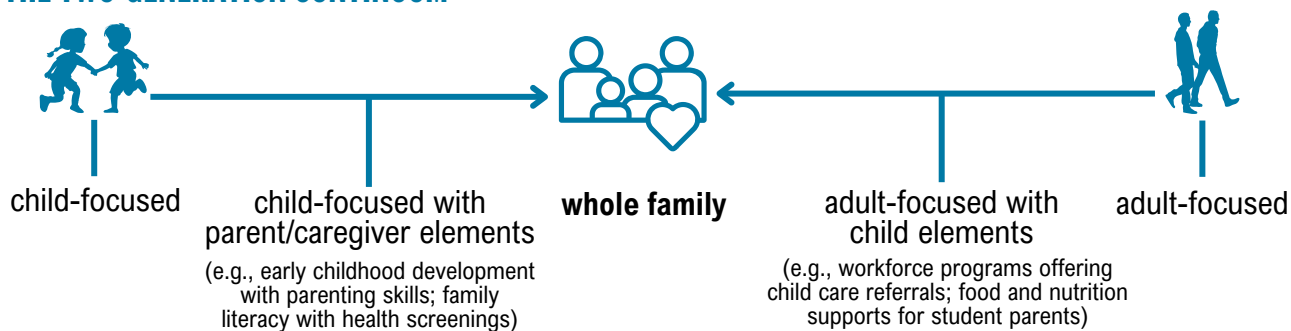


TWO GENERATION “2GEN” APPROACH

The Two-Generation (2Gen) Approach is a framework for policies and programs that disrupts cycles of poverty and negative outcomes by addressing the whole family’s needs together. 2Gen approaches strengthen family well-being by working with both children and their parents or caregivers at the same time. Any policy, program, or service – including early care and education, health, housing, child welfare, and juvenile justice – can have a greater impact by using a 2Gen approach.¹

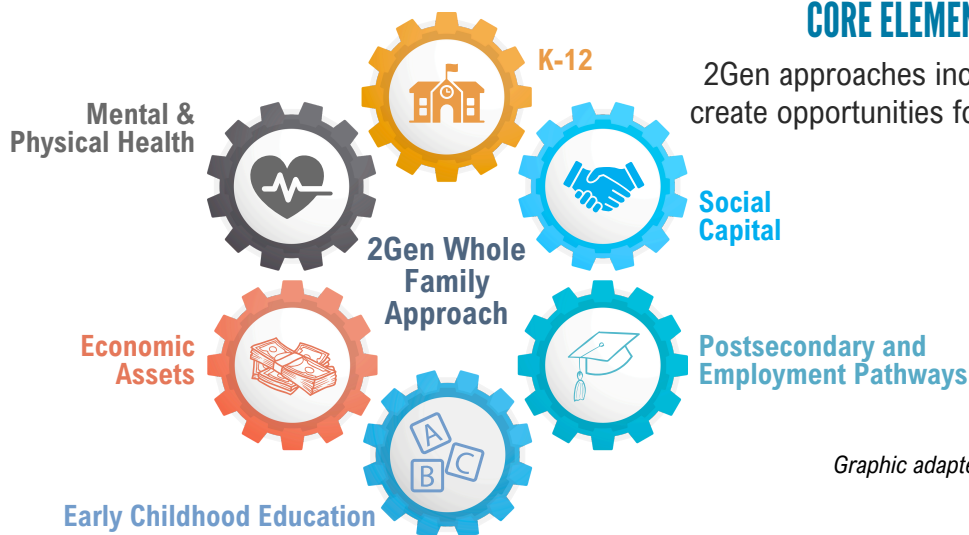
THE TWO-GENERATION CONTINUUM



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CORE ELEMENTS OF THE 2GEN APPROACH

2Gen approaches incorporate multiple policies to create opportunities for the whole family to thrive.



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Mental & Physical Health

- Coverage and access to care
- Adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress

Economic Assets

- Housing supports
- Financial capacity
- Transportation

Early Childhood Education

- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Child care partnerships
- PreK
- Home Visiting

K-12

- Kindergarten readiness
- 3rd grade reading skills
- Parent engagement
- Graduation & postsecondary prep

Social Capital

- Peer & family networks
- Coaching
- Cohort strategies

Postsecondary and Employment Pathways

- Community college
- Training & credentials
- Workforce & employer partnerships

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THE IMPACT OF 2GEN APPROACHES



Improving access to childcare could address an estimated **\$2.52 billion** economic loss to the state by reducing missed work and increasing economic opportunities for parents of young children.²



A **\$1,000 increase** in a caregiver's income can raise a child's academic achievement by the equivalent of two extra months of schooling.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

Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program⁵

administered by the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)

- Provides affordable, high-quality early learning opportunities for families with low incomes
- Helps young learners achieve school readiness for greater academic gains in the long-term
- Helps families achieve stability and self-sufficiency by offering financial assistance for childcare

Grants Administered by DECAL to support 2Gen:

- **2Gen Innovation Grants for Student Parent Success** (available to select technical colleges) enhances children's access to high-quality early education while also improving parents' ability to secure family-supporting jobs.⁶
- **2Gen Community Literacy Grants** improve literacy skills across generations by combining adult education, early childhood education, and family engagement to create supportive learning environments.
- **Community Transformation Grants** address the unique needs of local populations and local early childhood gaps through building partnerships to increase access to services like mental health, developmental support, and trauma-informed care.

Boost Child Care Initiative⁷

administered by Quality Care for Children (QCC)

- Boosts state funding to childcare to strengthen Georgia's workforce
- Helps reduce the CAPS eligibility gap
- Extends childcare subsidy eligibility to parents attending college

Georgia's Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program⁸

administered by Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH)

- Teaches positive parenting skills
- Encourages early learning and language development through strong parent-child communication
- Connects families to needed services and resources as appropriate
- Provides guidance on breastfeeding, nutrition, safe sleep practices, injury prevention, and more
- Provides screening and referral services to address developmental delays, postpartum depression, substance misuse, and family violence

**This is not a comprehensive list of 2Gen models in Georgia. Other examples include [FYF Teen Summits](#), [Caregiver Cafe](#) and [Nana grants](#).*



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