

What is the Boost Initiative?

Boost is a statewide program of Quality Care for Children (QCC) that will provide financial assistance to pay for child care for <u>families transitioning off of CAPS due to an increase in income</u>. The program will assist in paying for child care for children beginning as early as 6 weeks of age until they are eligible for GA Pre-K. (Boost does not provide child care assistance to children who are pre-K eligible or older.)

To be eligible families must:

- be transitioning off CAPS due to an increase in income
- be employed and be willing to use a Quality Rated child care provider
- remain in Quality Rated child care to receive Boost assistance

Once in the Boost program, families will continue to receive child care assistance, regardless of changes in income. Payments will go directly to the child care program and will equal the CAPS subsidy amount for the eligible child or children. Boost is privately funded.

Who is Quality Care for Children?

QCC is a non-profit agency with offices in Atlanta, Athens, and Cartersville. QCC is committed to serving Georgia's families and child care programs. Our mission is to ensure that all of Georgia's infants and young children are nurtured and educated. Our major services include:

- Helping parents find and choose quality child care through the free statewide child care referral service -
- 877-ALL-GA-KIDS and www.allgakids.org
- Providing training and technical assistance to child care programs in 46 counties to help them improve quality and become Quality Rated
- Sponsoring the child care food program statewide serving more than 8,000 children annually
- Helping child care programs employ sound business practices saving time and money so that they can invest their resources where they matter most in quality programming for children and families

To learn more about Quality Care for Children visit: www.qualitycareforchildren.org

To learn more about Boost or to see if you qualify visit: www.allgakids.org, click on PARENTS then BOOST

Questions? For more information call our Family Resource Specialist: Brittany Hill at 404-479-4208.

