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**The GA Alliance for Quality Child Care
Atlanta, GA**

Sponsoring Organization

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Service Delivery Area

The state of Georgia for shared services on the web; the Atlanta metro area for shared services in depth (e.g. substitute program, CACFP support, "peer to peer")

Type of Organization

Independent Non-Profit Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R)

Summary of Approach

The Georgia Alliance for Quality Child Care is a hub for web based services offered state wide. These services include cost savings on food and supplies; human resource tools such as budgeting templates, staff handbooks, termination guides, job descriptions, and staff appraisals; program administration tools such as parent handbooks, forms, and templates; and training resources for parents and staff. The Georgia Alliance is also: partnering with the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta to create a targeted substitute program for Alliance members, developing supports to help Alliance members with CACFP administration, and planning a structure to encourage and support "peer to peer" relationships among the membership in an effort to strengthen the business foundation for child care providers.

Type of Approach

Membership based-Members pay a fee and membership is open to all child care programs that meet defined criteria. The state of Georgia has developed a Quality Continuum that will be used to rate the quality in child care programs. This will serve as the quality criteria for programs in the GA Alliance.

Services Provided

Web-based platform that includes:
Cost savings on food and supplies
Program Administration tools
Human Resource tools
Links to Parent Resources
Staff Training Resources
Links to State Regulations and Information
Classroom Resources
Curriculum Resources
Online Community for networking

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Services provided via hub:

United Way Substitute Teacher Program

CACFP Assistance with child care programs via Minute Menu

Narrative describing services provided:

The GA Alliance offers services primarily via a web based platform. This platform gives the members instant access to all discounts and resource tools. The United Way Substitute Teacher program is facilitated through a partnership between the GA Alliance and United Way. The Alliance Manager assists programs when substitute teachers are needed. Technical Assistance with the Federal Food Program (CACFP) is being offered in a pilot to three child care programs using the software Minute Menu.

Staff at Network Coordinator or “Umbrella” Organization

Alliance Manager

Date Program/Alliance Began

Alliance was launched March 2010

Funding

Quality Care for Children has multiple public and private funders, including the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Blank Foundation, and the Goizueta Foundation, as well as membership fees.

Participating providers

The initial target audience is primarily child care centers, but some family child care providers are also members and QCC is exploring ways to make the Alliance more attractive to family child care. Currently there are a total of 37 programs participating; 20 from the original implementation group and 17 new members who are paying a membership fee. Alliance members range in size from small with a capacity of 20 children to large with multiple sites or capacities of 200 children. The programs are located across the state.

Populations served

The programs within the GA Alliance serve families in all socioeconomic levels.