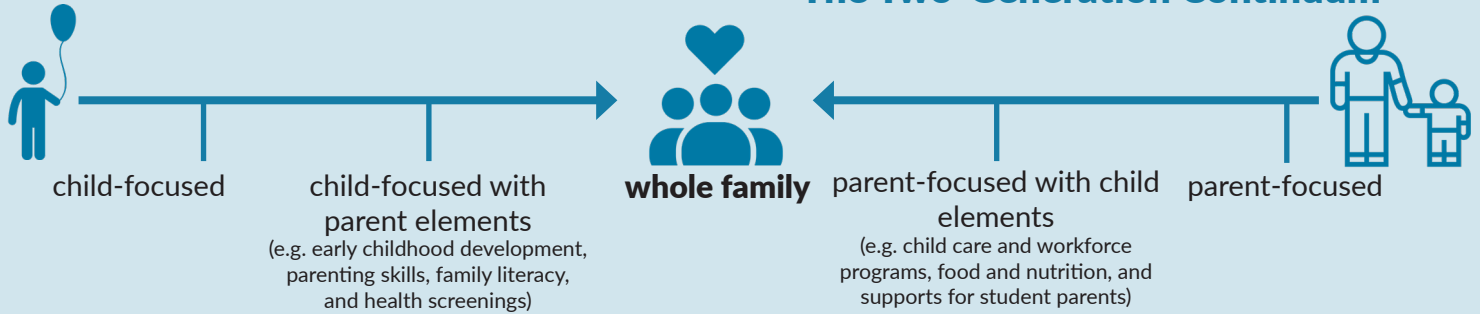




# Two Generation “2Gen” Approach

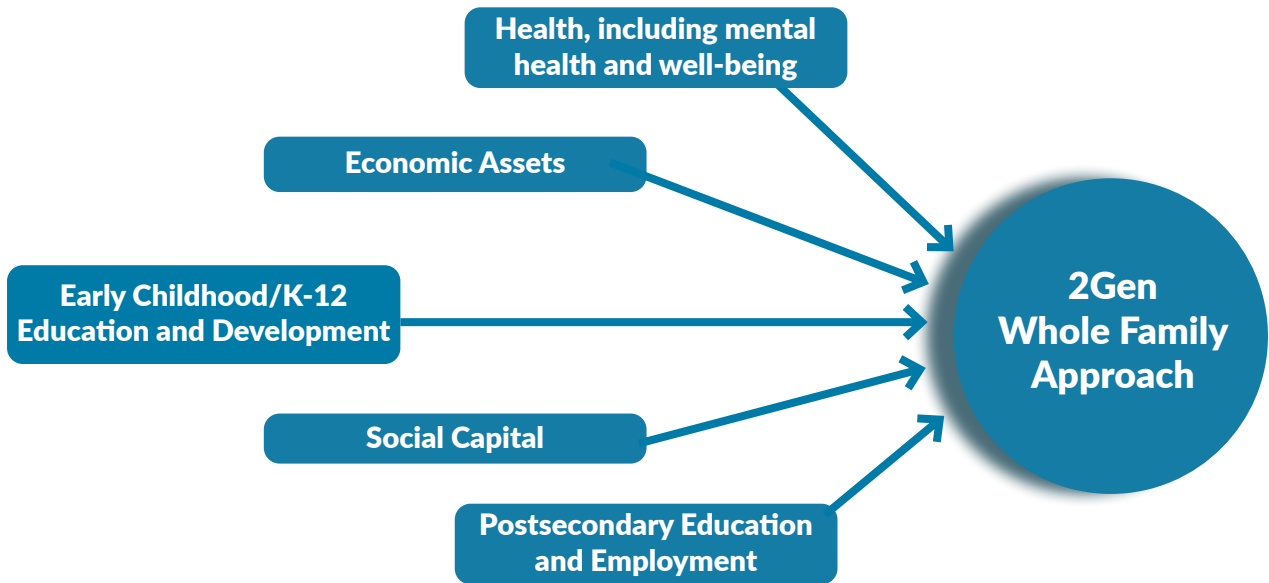
The Two-Generation (2Gen) approach to policy and programs disrupts generational cycles of poverty and poor outcomes by taking the whole family into account – focusing on the needs of the entire family, rather than on children or parents separately.<sup>1</sup> Any policy, program, or service for parents or children, including those for early care and education, health, housing, child welfare, and juvenile justice, can use a 2Gen approach.

## The Two-Generation Continuum



## Why support 2Gen policies?

2Gen policies address multiple areas that allow the whole family to change and thrive.



## Explore the impact of a 2Gen approach

- Improving access to childcare could address an estimated **\$1.75 billion** economic loss to the state by reducing missed work and increasing economic opportunities for parents of young children.<sup>2</sup>
- A **\$3,000 increase** in a parent’s income when a child is young is associated with a **17% increase** in a child’s future earnings.<sup>3</sup>
- Children with college savings between **\$1 and \$499** are **3 times more likely** to go to college and **4 times more likely** to graduate.<sup>4</sup>

## 2Gen Models in Georgia

### Department of Early Care and Learning's (DECAL) Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program<sup>5</sup>



Provides access to high-quality and affordable early learning for families with low incomes



Helps young learners achieve school readiness for greater academic gains in the long-term



Assists families in achieving stability and self-sufficiency by providing financial support for childcare

DECAL also supports select technical colleges with Two-Generation Innovation Grants, which connect children from families with low-income to quality early learning and helps their parents receive the training and education they need for well-paying jobs.

### Quality Care for Children's Boost\* Child Care Initiative<sup>6</sup>



Increases state investment in childcare subsidies to improve Georgia's workforce



Eliminates the CAPS eligibility gap



Extends subsidy eligibility to parents attending college

\*The Quality Care for Children's (QCC) Boost Child Care Initiative is not affiliated with the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network's BOOST Grants program.

### Network of Trust School Health Program<sup>7</sup>



Promotes healthy moms and babies for pregnant teens and young mothers



Increases mother's self-esteem



Increases rates of school attendance and graduation



Decreases rates of child abuse

### Voices for Georgia's Children's HealthyUs Pilot Program<sup>8</sup>



Nutrition coaching



Benefit enrollment



Assistance with navigating healthcare system



Parenting skills



Behavioral health services

HealthyUs is a pilot program, launched in partnership with QCC, that connects caregivers of children living in families with low-incomes to services and supports to improve health, well-being, family stability, and development/educational outcomes.

\*This is not a comprehensive list of 2Gen models in Georgia. Other examples include [Evidence-based Home Visiting](#), [Child Care Access Means Parents in School \(CCAMPIS\)](#), and [Nana grants](#).



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