The Georgia state plan states that Lead Agencies must give priority for child care assistance to children with special needs, families with very low incomes (considering family size), and children experiencing homelessness. A Lead Agency has the flexibility to prioritize other populations of children. The Georgia state plan establishes prioritization of populations for enrollment in child care services. These populations are indicated to serve without placing on waiting list. Prioritized populations include Children with special needs, Families with very low incomes, Children experiencing homelessness, as defined by CCDF, and (Optional) Families receiving TANF, those attempting to transition off TANF, and those at risk of becoming dependent on TANF.

Per CAPS ([CAPS - Georgia Child Care Association](https://www.georgiachildcare.org/caps#:~:text=Georgia%20does%20NOT%20keep%20a%20waiting%20list%20for,families%20will%20not%20be%20able%20to%20get%20help))

1. Georgia does NOT keep a waiting list for families needing child care assistance.
2. The program is now restricted to 12 priority groups for new applicants and low income, hard working families will not be able to get help
3. Quality costs money yet the market rate reimbursement had not even kept up with modest rate increases
4. Programs are at risk of losing enrollment and closing their doors when CAPS funding is restricted or reduced
5. Families will be forced to quit working, seek unlicensed care or leave children at home.