House Study Committee on the Workforce Shortage and Crisis in Home and Community Based Settings

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- Licenses and monitors child care programs
- Administers Georgia's Pre-K Program, Childcare and Parents Services (CAPS), and federal nutrition programs
- Implements initiatives to improve the quality and access of early learning programs statewide

Data and Evaluation

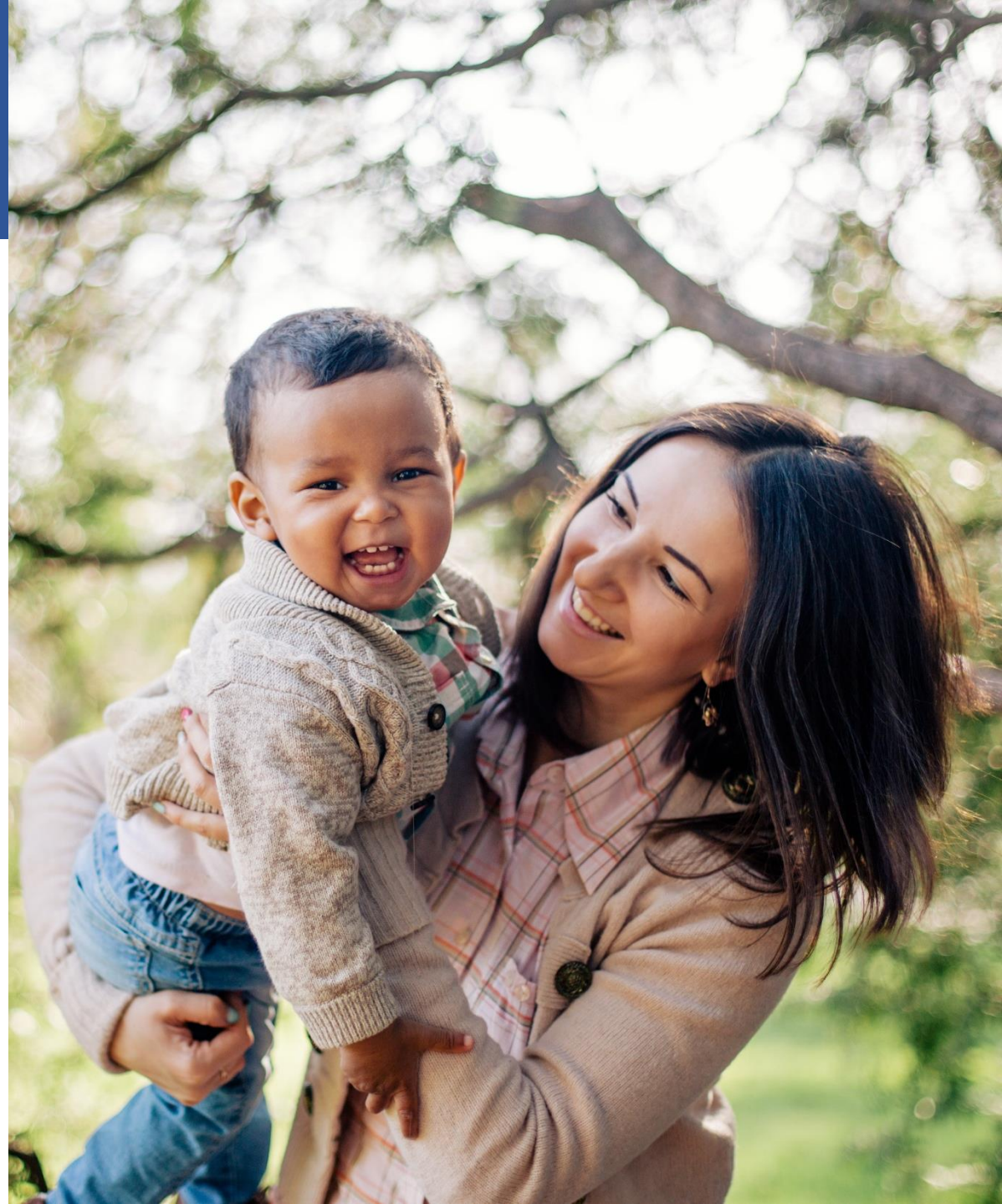
- Georgia's Pre-K Program
- Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS)
- Early Head Start
- Head Start

Georgia's Pre-K Program

- Serves 60% of four year olds
  - Must be four years old on September 1st
  - Family must reside in GA
  - No income eligibility
- School day, school year instructional program
  - Free of charge for 6.5 hours
  - Scholarships available for before and after care services

Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS)

- Childcare scholarships to assist families of low income to afford the cost of child care
- Eligibility requirements:
  - Children who are 12 years of age or younger, or 17 years of age or younger with qualifying needs
  - Family income can not exceed 50% of the state median income
  - Parents are required to work, go to school or training, or participate in other work-related activities



Early Head Start

- EHS programs serve infants and toddlers under the age of 3, and pregnant women
  - Must meet family income eligibility requirements
- Provides intensive comprehensive childcare and family support services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families, and to pregnant women and their families

Head Start

- HS programs serve children aged 3 to 5 years olds
  - Must meet family income eligibility requirements

- Provides intensive comprehensive preschool services and family support services

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