

Training Levels

Early care and education professionals in Georgia can find training and other professional development opportunities tailored to their individual needs. Competencies in Early Care and Education, School-Age Care, and Administration are addressed in training at the **beginning, intermediate, or advanced** level.

Beginning Level Training

Beginning level training is most appropriate for entry-level professionals or, in some cases, professionals who are further along in their career but are exposed to new information or need a refresher. Beginning level training covers a basic understanding and demonstration of developing skills within the competency areas.

Intermediate Level Training

Intermediate level training is most appropriate for professionals who have a few years of experience and some training, formal education, and/or credentials. Intermediate level training includes expanding knowledge and application and refining skills.

Advanced Level Training

Advanced level training is most appropriate for professionals who have some formal education in the early care and education field. Advanced level training is for professionals most often in leadership or mentor roles as lead teachers, directors, administrators, etc. Advanced level training focuses on a more thorough knowledge and understanding of developmentally appropriate practice.

For additional information about training levels, see the **Professional Development Competencies**, available on the Resources page at www.training.decal.ga.gov.

To find trainings approved at the beginning, intermediate, or advanced level, visit www.training.decal.ga.gov. Your local Child Care Resource and Referral may also be of assistance to you and can be found at www.gaccrra.org.