

**Georgia Department of Human Services
Division of Family & Children Services
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**Education 2010
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
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1. What is Education 2010?

Education 2010 is an initiative administered through the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS). The initiative is created to improve education outcomes and academic achievement of children and youth who are currently in the care, custody and oversight of DFCS. Through Education 2010, Education Support Specialists (tutors) are selected and assigned to provide academic support services to youth who will be identified by DFCS. These academic support services include, but are not limited to, tutoring, academic assessments and academic consultation.

2. Who is the target population for Education 2010?

The target population for Education 2010 are children and youth who are in the care, custody, and oversight of DFCS.

3. How are children and youth selected to participate in Education 2010?

Children and youth who are currently in the care, custody, and oversight of DFCS and who have been identified by DFCS for services are eligible to participate in Education 2010. Participation in Education 2010 includes receiving tutoring, assessments and academic consultation.

4. What agencies are involved with Education 2010?

DHS/DFCS is partnering with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and local school districts throughout the state of Georgia to identify the youth to be served and the tutors who will be providing the academic support services to the identified youth.

5. How will school districts be selected to participate in Education 2010?

Education 2010 will be launched in the Savannah-Chatham school district in March 2010. Following initial implementation in the Savannah-Chatham school district, phase-in will occur across 15 other pre-identified districts consistent with statistics provided by the GaDOE that outlines the greatest instructional needs among children in DFCS care, custody and oversight. DFCS will contact the superintendents of each identified school district as phase-in throughout the state occurs over the next few months.

6. When will my school district be notified for implementation?

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7. How do I apply to be a tutor?

As an academic support initiative, Education 2010 will contract with tutors throughout the state of Georgia to provide services to identified children and youth. The tutors are formally titled Education Support Specialists due to the additional academic support knowledge and services they will be providing to participation children and youth. Unemployed, underemployed and retired, certified teachers can apply to be an Education Support Specialist (tutor) by going online at <http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov>.

8. If my child participates in Education 2010, will Education 2010 affect my child's current educational program?

Education 2010 is aligned with the Georgia Performance Standards. Services rendered by Education 2010 will support the educational programs that are currently being implemented in schools.

9. Does Education 2010 support the Georgia Criterion Referenced Curriculum Tests (GCRCT)?

Yes; Academic support services will be aligned to the CRCT for those youth who need academic services that support the CRCT.

10. Does Education 2010 support the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT)?

Yes; Academic support services will be aligned to the GHSGT for those youth who need academic services that support the GHSGT.

11. If my child participates in Education 2010, how will Education 2010 help my child?

The initiative is created to improve education outcomes and academic achievement of children and youth who are currently in the care, custody and oversight of DFCS. The primary goal of Education 2010 is to improve the reading abilities of children who range from three years of age through 3rd grade. A secondary goal is to improve school stability for all children and youth in the care, custody, and oversight DFCS.

12. If my child participates in Education 2010, what will be the length of tutoring sessions?

The child/youth's Education Support Specialist and case manager will determine tutorial session length based on the child's need for instructional support and additional academic support services.

13. If my child participates in Education 2010, how will my child attend tutoring sessions?

The child/youth's Education Support Specialist, case manager and guardian will be responsible for determining transportation needs and the transportation schedule.

14. If my child participates in Education 2010, how will my child be assessed?

All youth who will be participating in Education 2010 will receive an initial reading and math academic assessment to identify academic target areas of focus for tutoring. Assessments will be provided through an online assessment tool that will be facilitated by the child/youth's Education Support Specialist.

15. How long does Education 2010 last?

Education 2010 is an initiative funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). At this time, Education 2010 is scheduled to end September 30, 2010.

16. Why is there a need for Education 2010?

Youth who are in the care, custody and oversight of DFCS have many challenges. For some of the youth, some of those challenges have been academic attainment, achievement and success. It is the intent of Education 2010 to proactively address those challenges and provide support services that will encourage an increased rate of grade level retention, high school graduation, and college entrance for those youth. Education 2010 will also provide employment opportunities for current, certified teachers who are underemployed, unemployed or retired.

17. Where are the locations for Education 2010?

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→ Children and youth who will be participating in Education 2010 will receive tutoring services at various locations across the state of Georgia that will be identified by the child/youth's Education Support Specialist and case manager. Those children and youth who reside in Child Caring Institutions (CCIs) will receive academic support services on-site..

18. How is Education 2010 funded?

Education 2010 is an initiative funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

19. How do I find out more information about Education 2010?

More detailed information regarding the Education 2010 initiative can be accessed online at <http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov>.