



# BCDI

Black Child  
Development Institute  
ATLANTA

## 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

BCDI-Atlanta held its annual Policy Briefing on October 17, 2023 with members, partners, program participants and community leaders to develop 2024 advocacy goals in alignment with **NBCDI's Eight Essential Outcomes for Black Child Development**. Thank you to the stakeholders who joined us to support this effort!



### Early Care and Education

★ **NARRATIVES: Each child is seen as a child.**

- Promote the developmentally and culturally appropriate early care and education of Black children, who are often victims of systemic racism and forced into social, emotional, and physical adult roles.

★ **EDUCATION: Children attend a school that affirms and expands them.**

- Promote the improvement of school readiness and increased academic performance by advocating for equitable distribution of high-quality resources across the birth to eight continuum and a well-qualified, culturally and racially diverse workforce.

★ **SAFE COMMUNITY: Children live in an uplifting community where they can play, explore and thrive.**

- Advocate for local and state policies adversely affecting the educational needs of Black children in Georgia.
- Promote the improvement of child welfare systems with a focus on early intervention and culturally relevant care for children in all settings.



### Literacy

★ **REPRESENTATION: Children see themselves reflected in their books and toys.**

- Advocate for developmentally appropriate and culturally relevant curriculum and learning materials in childcare programs and elementary schools.



## Family Engagement

### ★ **HEALTH: Infants are born at a healthy weight.**

- Advocate for increased education, resources and services for pregnant families and caregivers to reduce infant mortality and low birthweight.
- Promote perinatal initiatives supporting paid leave for families to improve family engagement.

### ★ **NUTRITION: Children enjoy food with fruits and vegetables.**

- Promote access to quality produce and preventive care services among families.

## BILLS WE'RE WATCHING

- **HB 10:** Elections and primaries; visually disabled to vote electronically
- **HB 3:** Support for Students Living in Poverty Act
- **HB 148:** Student Teacher Promotion Act
- **SB 81** Georgia Community Midwife Act
- **SB 211:** Georgia Council on Literacy
- **HB 565:** Social services; temporary assistance for needy families; increase access to benefits
- **HB 367:** Quality Basic Education Act
- **HB 668:** Georgia Educational Opportunity Act

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