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The Quality Innovations and Partnerships Division at Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) houses Georgia's Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (Quality Rated), DECAL's Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grant, the agency's internal Research and Policy Analysis unit, and several initiatives related to stakeholder engagement, two-generation supports, and community partnerships.