



2026 GEORGIA 2GEN SUMMIT

Accelerating 2Gen Approaches Across Georgia

September 15-16, 2026 | Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort | Stone Mountain, Georgia

For speaker and detailed session information, scan the QR code or visit:

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Tuesday, September 15 | Foundations & Inspiration

1:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions

1:30 PM

Pre-Conference Workshops



2Gen 101

Melvette Hill

Connecticut Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity, and Opportunity



Two Lanes, One Destination: How State Agencies and Nonprofits Use 2Gen Approaches

Melissa Haberlen DeWolf

Voices for Georgia's Children



Building Your Collaboration Toolbox

David Tanner

Carl Vinson Institute of Government

4:00 PM

Pre-Conference Reception

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**Georgia Dept
of Early Care
and Learning**





Wednesday, September 16 | Learning & Collaboration

9:00 AM

Welcome and Opening Plenary

Lori Pfingst, Washington Economic Alliance

10:00 AM

Leading 2Gen at the State Level

Moderated by **James White**, Ascend at the Aspen Institute

- **Christina Morales**, Statewide Coordinator for 2Gen, Connecticut
- **Jeff Darnell**, Tennessee Alliance for Economic Mobility
- **Lori Pfingst**, Washington Economic Alliance

12:00 PM

Networking Lunch and Fireside Chat

Moderated by **Commissioner Amy M. Jacobs**, Department of Early Care and Learning

- **Commissioner Greg Dozier**, Technical College System of Georgia
- **Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds Cobb**, Department of Juvenile Justice
- **Commissioner Kevin Tanner**, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

1:00 PM

2Gen Champion Award

1:30 PM

2Gen Learning Track Round 1

Please select one topic of interest



Policy and Systems Change

Room: Dogwood

- Kirsten Russel, Community Foundation in Sarasota, Florida
- Justin Hill, Georgia Department of Education
- Greg Barrett, GEEARS



Practice and Program Models

Room: Poplar

- Allison Garefino, Kennesaw State University
- Morgan Birch, Scottdale Early Learning
- Jenee Dutch, APEC Learning Center



Data, Measurement, & Evaluation

Room: Rhododendron

- Terese Sommer, Northwestern 2Gen Research Initiative
- Jill Taylor, Department of Early Care and Learning
- La'Keidra Mitchell, Georgia State University



Workforce & Postsecondary Pathways

Room: Stone Mountain

- Martha Ann Todd, Columbus Technical College
- Jeff Darnell, Tennessee Alliance for Economic Mobility

2:30 PM

2Gen Learning Track Round 2

Please select one topic of interest



Health & Family Well-Being

Room: Stone Mountain

- Judge R. Michael Key, Troup Trauma Responsive Community Collaborative and Resilient WEST
- Heather Stanley, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Richard Sheward, StreetCred / Boston Medical Center



Community Voice & Parent Leadership

Room: Poplar

- Joe Fretwell, Purpose Built Communities
- Melissa Carter, Barton Child Law and Policy Center



Public-Private Partnerships in Action

Room: Rhododendron

- Christine Norbut Beyer, Think of Us
- Shawnelle Johnson, GEEARS
- Gbemi Famule, GEEARS



Georgia Lightning Talks

Room: Dogwood

- Amy Roys, Department of Early Care and Learning
- Katie Landes, Voices for Georgia's Children
- Belisa Urbina, Ser Familia
- Shannon Longino, DFCS Fatherhood Program

3:30 PM

Closing Plenary

Cathy Smith Curry, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

Samanthia Valentine, 2Gen Academy Family Project Advisor