

## Early Language & Literacy Coalition Update

# Coming Together: Standing Up to Racism



A Town Hall for Kids & Families



SATURDAY  
MORNING **10**<sup>A</sup> ET

[CNN.com/SesameStreet](http://CNN.com/SesameStreet)



## Sesame Street and CNN to Host a Town Hall for Kids & Families Saturday, June 6 | 10:00 am EST

The 60-minute special will talk to kids about racism, the recent nationwide protests, embracing diversity and being more empathetic and understanding.

How to watch: The town hall will air on CNN, CNN International and CNN en Español. It will stream live on CNN.com's homepage and across mobile devices via CNN's apps. [Read more](#)



## The Chattahoochee Valley Basics: Read & Discuss Stories

The Basics are five evidence-based parenting and caregiving principles that can benefit children from all backgrounds. Reading, looking at books, and sharing stories is also a special time to snuggle up and connect. [Read more](#)



## Get Georgia Reading

We all want to make sure every child - especially our most vulnerable children - eat healthy, stay safe, and continue to learn. This year, [GeorgiaSummer.org](https://GeorgiaSummer.org) features more resources than ever before to help families find healthy food, safety tips, learning resources, summer camp and child care information, and more. [Read more](#)

## CALL TO ACTION

Georgia's nationally recognized, Lottery-funded Pre-K Program, which has served over 1.6 million four-year-old children in its 28-year history and employs over 7,500 teachers annually, is facing budget cuts that could devastate the highly respected program.

You can help save Georgia's Pre-K for our children by asking your legislators not to cut Lottery-funded Pre-K.

Georgia's children would miss learning the critical skills that prepare them for success in Kindergarten and beyond. Click below to contact your legislators and tell them to protect Georgia's Pre-K from unnecessary budget cuts.

**[Take Action Today - Click here to fill out the form](#)**



Get Connected. Get Help.™

## 2-1-1 and Community Needs

During this time, many people are needing help for the first time. Anyone in need of assistance is encouraged to contact 2-1-1:

- Dial 2-1-1
- Text your Zip Code to 898-211
- Visit [211uwcva.org](https://211uwcva.org)

## Coronavirus Response Fund

The total amount in grants awarded since the beginning of the crisis: **\$970,556.48**.

Thank you to our community. Your generosity is helping so many.

[Donate to the Fund](#) | [Grant Inquiry](#)



## WEBINARS



**Zero to Three Webinar: Telling the story of America's babies is more important than ever.**

**Thursday, June 11, 2020 | 2:00pm EST**  
[Register Here](#)

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### Upcoming GLR Webinars

**What's Working Community Challenge (WWCC) Guidance & Support**

**Monday, June 8, 2020 | 3:00pm EST**  
[To join, click this link at the meeting time.](#)  
[Learn more](#) | [Review the guideline](#)

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**What's Working Roundtable Conversations**  
Jun 9, Jun 16, Jun 23, & Jun 30 | 12:30 pm EST  
[Register Here](#)



### We Want to Hear From You

Share your joys and challenges with us as you care for yourself, the people around you, and the families you serve. Let us know what resources you find helpful. We're here to listen, support, and strengthen our community. [Email our team today.](#)

### Early Language and Literacy Coalition Background

Early Language and Literacy partners in the Chattahoochee Valley recognize that

literacy is much more than an education issue. Our efforts to change long-term outcomes must begin early—long before children enter kindergarten. We are focused on the root causes of why a child might not be reading. Root causes include early brain development and language-rich interactions with infants and toddlers, school attendance, summer learning loss, and the influence of physical and mental health on all aspects of learning and development. Far too many children in our community lack access to quality health care, housing, nutrition, and supportive learning environments. And far too many children experience the trauma of stress and violence in their homes and neighborhoods, inhibiting their ability to learn and grow. Children cannot learn when they are hungry, sick, or scared.

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### **Common Agenda**

The Early Language and Literacy Coalition works to create a community where all children thrive. Our collective impact approach supports, promotes, and complements community wide initiatives of Get Georgia Reading, The Basics Chattahoochee Valley, and Columbus 2025. We engage with a cross-sector of community partners to ensure all children become proficient readers by the end of third grade, paving the way to improved outcomes throughout school and life.

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