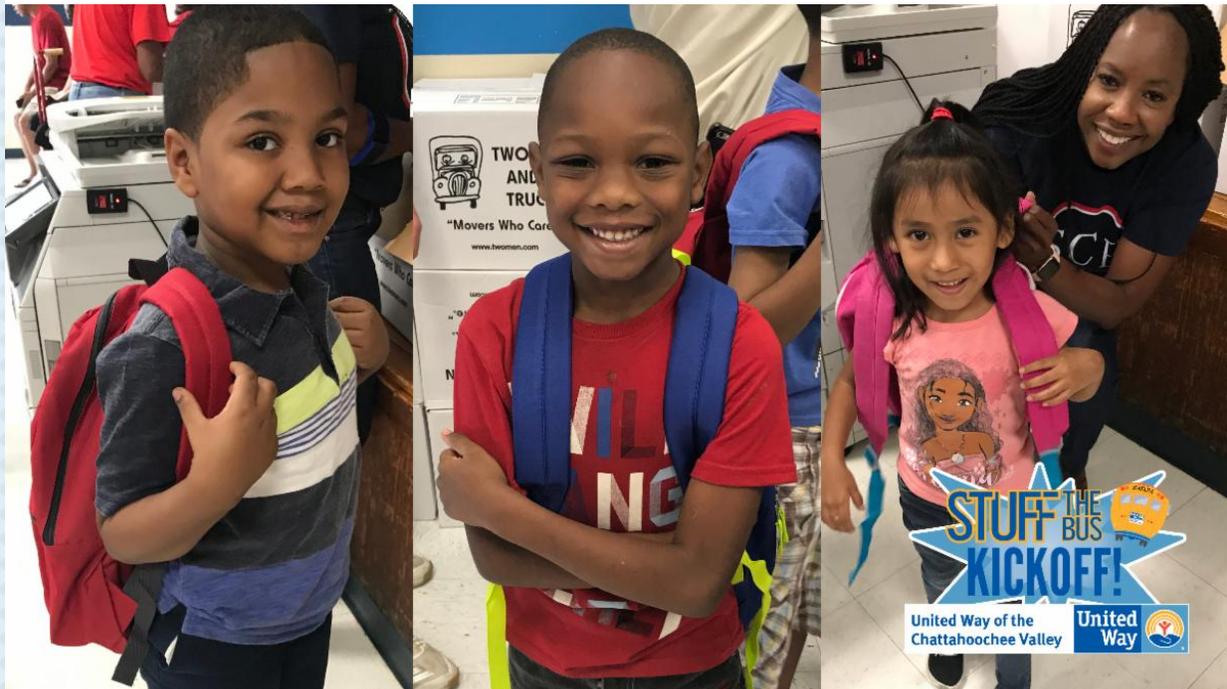


Early Language & Literacy Coalition Update



United Way's Stuff the Bus helps ensure that our littlest learners start school with the needed supplies. Many families are unable to afford the required school supplies for their children, and the need is even greater this year due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Everyone can help meet this need for local children and families.

[Visit the United Way website for ways to get involved.](#)



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The Basics Chattahoochee Valley wants to ensure that every child has a great start in life. Sharing and learning about The Basics is easy through the website and social media platforms. There you will find short video clips, downloadable materials, and other resources. Bookmarks and rack cards are available for partners to share with clients. [Contact us](#) to request materials and learn about other marketing ideas and tools.

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Columbus 2025

The past few months have been extremely challenging, but Columbus can all be proud of the ways people have come together to face those challenges. Neighbors helping each other, sewing masks, donating food, supporting local businesses, supporting front line workers, making hand sanitizer, donating to charity, and the list could go on and on. Our community continues to prove our city's slogan that We Do Amazing. Columbus 2025 is compiling a video telling the story of how our community has been Amazing during the past few months. If you have any images or video content you would give permission to use, please email [Tabetha Getz](mailto:Tabetha.Getz@Columbus2025.com) at Columbus 2025.

Thank you for being Amazing



Pre-K Registration is Open and Online!

Any child, who is a resident of Muscogee County and four years of age on or before September 1, 2020 is eligible to apply. School assignments are offered according to your home address for your zoned pre-k location. [Read more](#)



2-1-1 and Community Needs

Did you know that childcare information (such as summer camp and child care availability) is listed in 2-1-1? Get connected today!

- Dial 2-1-1
- Text your Zip Code to 898-211
- Visit 211uwcv.org

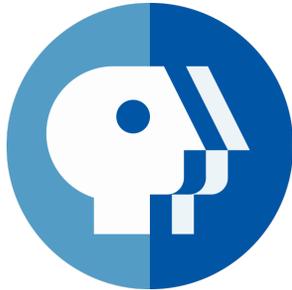
Coronavirus Response Fund

United Way and the Community Foundation are interested in learning about continued and current needs in our community. Grants will continue to be made to 501(c)(3) organizations in the



Columbus, Georgia area.

If you are a 501(c)(3) organization and would like to share your needs, [please complete this form](#).



GA Home Classroom: Georgia Public Broadcast

GPB, in partnership with Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), is offering free educational PBS daytime programming, that adhere to Georgia's state standards. Students in Pre-K through 12th grade can now access this free resource weekdays on GPB-TV and stream on [gpb.org](#) or the free PBS Video and KIDS Apps. The mission is to ensure all kids have access to continued free educational resources at home.

Please forward and share!

WEBINARS



Virtual Learning Opportunity: Addressing Social Determinants of Health to Minimize its Impact in Our Children During COVID-19

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 | 12:30pm
[Register Here](#)

Brought to you by Better Brains for Babies and the Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics. [Read more](#)



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](#).

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.

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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