
Early Language & Literacy Coalition Update



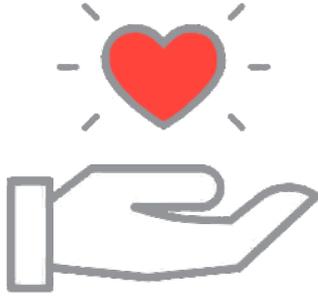
Reopening of School in the Chattahoochee Valley

In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) has developed a new online application portal for registration and verification. Parents with new or returning students can access the application on the District's website.

As part of the MCSD's COVID-19 re-opening plan, the application features a section for parents to declare each student's preference for either in-person or virtual instruction. **Preferences must be declared within the application by 5:00 p.m., July 17, 2020.** Each declared preference will be reviewed to complete enrollment at each school site, per the annual District-wide Verification Day, August 5, 2020.

Phenix City Schools will complete Registration and Enrollment processes virtually this year. **All students, new and returning, must complete Virtual Registration or Re-Identification, as well as the School Virtual Enrollment Forms by July 15, 2020.** Failure to do so could postpone student scheduling, free/reduced meal status, and/or transportation.

- [Muscogee County School District Online Registration](#)
- [Muscogee County School District Re-Opening Plan](#)
- [Phenix City School District Online Registration](#)
- [Phenix City School District Re-Opening Plan](#)



Summer Meals for All Children

July 20 - August 5

Mondays & Wednesdays | 11:30 - 12:30

United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, Feeding the Valley, and a group of community partners have teamed up again to deliver student meals. Meals provided will cover the full week. This grab-and-go service is available to all children ages 0-18. Children must be present to receive a meal. [Read more](#)



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Talk, Sing, & Point

Babies learn language from the very beginning. They pay attention to your sounds and expressions as you interact with them. Connect to your child with eye contact and talk in a loving tone of voice as you go about your day together. Take turns going back and forth, responding to their sounds with your words and facial expressions. Every time you talk, sing, or point to what you are talking about, you provide clues to the meaning of what you are saying. Talking to your child teaches them about the world and helps you get to know the fascinating person they are becoming! [Read more](#)



Mayor's Summer Reading Club

The Mayor's Summer Reading Club (MSRC) is a program for children and their families that takes place in various locations throughout the City of Atlanta, and now Columbus each summer. United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley partnered with Matthews Promise Academy to bring the Mayor's Summer Reading Club books to life. Distribution of books and resources will take place on July 17th. This year's choices are ***In the West End*** by Will Power, illustrated by Gregory Christie, and ***Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*** by Sherri Duskey and Tom Lichtenhel. [Read more](#)

GLR Week 2020

July 13, 2020 - July 17, 2020

[Register Here](#)

#GLRWeek 2020 Has Gone Virtual! Please join us for a week-long series of events all geared



toward ensuring early school success; mobilizing efforts to slow, stop, & reverse learning loss & embracing parents as essential partners. [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



Everyone Counts

You can help shape the future by taking a few minutes to respond! The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. Online, by phone, or mail. [Click here to learn more.](#)

RESOURCES



The 2020 KIDS COUNT Data Book Is Now Available

The 31st edition describes how children across the nation were faring before the coronavirus pandemic began. Read, download or explore the databook. [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



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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