

Early Language & Literacy Coalition Update



Supporting Our Families

This year, starting school may present some challenges for many families. United Way and our Community Partners are here for you. Several of our Community Partners are offering extended hours to support educational needs of students during the school day.

For more information about hours and programs, connect with 2-1-1:

Text Your Zip Code to 898-211 - Keyword: Extended Child Care

Visit 211uwc.org - Keyword: Extended Child Care

Dial 2-1-1 or 706.405.4775 - 8:00 am to 7:00 pm - Monday through Friday

Thank you to our Community Partners:

Boys and Girls Clubs, Enrichment Services Program, Girls, Inc., Open Door, The Salvation Army, and YMCA.



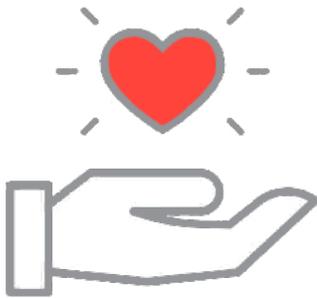
Children Thrive with Basics 5

Our Community Toolkit provides a rich constellation of implementation guides, videos, and written resources. This Toolkit is for organizations and staff members who inform and support parents and caregivers using The Basics Principles. [Read more](#)

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Student Meals Continue

July 20 - August 12

Mondays & Wednesdays | 11:30 - 12:30

United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, Feeding the Valley, along with several community partners are working together to deliver student meals during the next couple weeks. Students may pick up meals on Monday and Wednesdays. Through these two deliveries, meals will be provided to cover the full week. We will follow the current delivery locations and pick-up time to increase access to students. Meals will be available through a grab-and-go service to all children 0-18. Students must be present to receive a meal. [Read more](#)



P-EBT

The Georgia Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) in partnership with the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) has been approved to operate the new Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program. All children who would receive free or reduced-price meals are eligible to receive P-EBT. Families will receive a one-time allotment of \$256.50 in total P-EBT benefits per child. If a family is not currently receiving benefits, they may apply online. [Click here for more information.](#)



2-1-1 Announces New Hours

Beginning Aug 3rd, 2-1-1 will answer live calls and texts from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday.

You can continue to connect with 2-1-1, 24 hours a day, at our website 211uwcv.org or use our automated 2-1-1 On Demand service by texting

WEBINARS



3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

The Campaign is a collaborative effort by foundations, nonprofit partners, business leaders, government agencies, states and communities across the nation to ensure that more children in low-income families succeed in school and graduate prepared for college, a career, and active citizenship.

Webinars are offered on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm

[Register and more information here](#)

RESOURCES



Family & Kids of the Chattahoochee Valley

COVID Impact Update: Education and Childcare Guide - Revised In-Person and Virtual Options

List of local partners and their programs designed to assist you and your child through this transitional time. [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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