By 2020, all children in Georgia will be on a path to reading proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.

Get Georgia Reading
Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

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We are at a critical point in time when it comes to preparing Georgia’s next generation of leaders. Why? Because right now, two-thirds of Georgia’s children are not reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

Why does this matter? Because third grade is when children are expected to make the shift from learning to read to reading to learn. Children unable to make this shift face serious barriers for future learning, because they can’t grasp half of the printed fourth-grade curriculum and beyond, including math and science. As a result, these children fall even further behind.

Children who can’t read proficiently by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school than proficient readers. Children born into low-income families arrive in kindergarten having heard within the first three years than their peers from more financially stable homes.

It’s time to take on third-grade reading proficiency—not only as an education issue, but also as an urgent priority for all who care about children’s health and well-being.
GET GEORGIA READING CAMPAIGN PARTNERS ARE RALLYING PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITIES TO APPLY A COMMON AGENDA AS A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION.

OUR COMMON AGENDA

LANGUAGE NUTRITION
All children receive abundant, language-rich adult-child interactions, which are as critical for brain development as healthy food is for physical growth.

ACCESS
All children and their families have access to, and supportive services for, healthy physical and social-emotional development and success in high-quality early childhood and elementary education.

POSITIVE LEARNING CLIMATE
All educators, families, and policy-makers understand and address the impact of learning climate on social-emotional development, attendance, engagement, and ultimately student success.

TEACHER PREPARATION & EFFECTIVENESS
All teachers of children ages 0-8 are equipped with evidence-informed skills, knowledge, and resources that effectively meet the literacy needs of each child in a developmentally appropriate manner.
The Six Keys to Access

- **Awareness**: Population is informed that the service exists and what it provides.
- **Affordable**: Prices of services meet population's ability to pay.
- **Accessible**: Location of supply geographically aligns with population needs.
- **Available**: Size or volume of the supply meets population needs.
- **Accommodating**: Delivery of service meets population needs.
- **Acceptable**: Characteristics of service providers and population are receptive to each other.

What You Can Do to #GetGareading

- **Talk, read, sing, and play with kids – especially babies – all the time.**
- **Help promote access to healthy foods, healthy environments, and healthy development.**
- **Help make kids feel safe, supported, and ready to learn both at home and in school.**
- **Support developmentally informed approaches for teaching and learning from ages 0-8.**
THE PATH TO READING PROFICIENCY BY THE END OF THIRD GRADE

LET'S HELP BABY ELLA LEARN TO READ BY THIRD GRADE.

Early language exposure & nurturing responsive relationships with adults

CRITICAL BRAIN DEVELOPMENT & THE FOUNDATION FOR LANGUAGE & LITERACY

Social-emotional development & positive social interactions

STRONG VOCABULARY & Self-regulation skills

Quality child care, health care, & Nutrition

SUMMER LEARNING

Engaging classrooms

PREPARED & READY FOR SCHOOL

ABC

Reading proficiently

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Let's Help Baby Ella Learn to Read by Third Grade.

Ella has great peer relationships.

In the summer, she goes to summer camp and reads one book a week!

Ella enjoys going to school and loves her teachers.

Ella can read proficiently by third grade.

She learns problem solving.

With the ability to read, Ella can learn anything she wants.

Ella has a listening vocabulary of 20,000 words by kindergarten.

Ella is able to see clearly, breathe easily, and eat healthily.

Ella loves to read books every night before bed.

Ella has a vocabulary of over 1,100 words by age 3!

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It takes all of us working together.

WE HOPE YOU JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY TO GET GEORGIA READING.

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