



**BOONE COUNTY**  
UPWARD MOBILITY

## Early Grade Literacy Workgroup Minutes

November 13, 2024, 2:30PM – 4:00PM

Central Missouri Community Action (807 N. Providence Rd, Columbia, MO 65203) and virtually

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**Meeting Objective:** Review/discuss Early Grade Literacy Feedback Survey Responses.

**Attendees:** Al Plummer (Minority Men's Network), Catherine Miller (Boone County Early Childhood Coalition (BCECC)), Cindy Reese (BCECC), Adielle Ehret (FACE), Al Plummer, Sarah Howard (Daniel Boone Regional Library), Kelly Scheuerman (Brighter Beginnings), Jenrose Malloy (Burrell Behavioral Health), Phil Peters (Grade A Plus), Verna Laboy (Boone County community Services Department (BCCSD)), Joanne Nelson (BCCSD), Emilio Ayala Youngblood (BCCSD), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD), Kerby Webb (BCCSD)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Al welcomed everyone and opened the floor for introductions.

### 2. Follow up from last meeting

#### a. Boone County school districts outreach update

Verna shared that no district outreach has been made this month and anticipates outreach will pick up at the start of the next semester so another update can be provided in January.

#### b. Send out information from United Community Builders (UCB)

Verna mentioned sharing contact information with the workgroup by email and encouraged anyone to reach out with questions.

### 3. Review Early Grade Literacy Survey Results

After reviewing the responses from the survey, the group discussed how the workgroup meetings could be improved.

- The workgroup discussed the need for the meetings to continue to be accessed through zoom.
- The workgroup discussed the possibility of dividing meetings up based on the topics regarding the age of the schoolchildren.
- The workgroup discussed topics about the work being done by current workgroup members and where the focus should be shifted to or remain moving forward.
- The workgroup discussed the potential for providing a method for individuals who are new to meetings to receive a short orientation to workgroup outside of meetings.
- The workgroup discussed clarifying what the workgroup should focus on would be helpful, noting review of data, previous discussions of potential collaboration around how to address waitlists, and connecting to parents across different school districts.

### 4. Closing

#### a. Next Steps

- A link to the Urban Institute Upward Mobility Data Dashboard will be shared with the workgroup.



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- Boone County data from the Imagination Library will be shared with the workgroup.
- The list of Early Grade Literacy potential action steps will be reshared with the workgroup.
- Data that was used to develop the Mobility Action Plan and strategic actions for this workgroup will be reshared.
- All workgroup members will further consider what direction this workgroup will take in 2025 to be able to reach a consensus during the next workgroup meeting.
- During the next workgroup meeting, the workgroup will decide whether to have the workgroup meetings on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, planning what time and if the meetings will be shortened to one hour.

**b. Partner updates**

None shared.

**c. Comments and questions**

**Next Workgroup Meeting:** December 11, 2024 at 2:30 PM at CMCA (807 N. Providence Rd) or via [Zoom](#)