



## Early Grade Literacy Workgroup Agenda

August 13, 2025, 2:30PM – 4:00PM

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

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**Meeting Objective:** Make progress on “**Raising Readers**” community literacy campaign planning

**Results Statement:** All children in Boone County learn to read and write and see themselves as readers and writers.

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
  - Include a new or exciting thing your organization is doing to support early grade literacy
2. Following up from last meeting (5 minutes)
3. Team work session and report out (45 minutes)
  - Communications Team
  - Logistics Team
4. Group Discussion (20 minutes)
5. Next Steps (5 minutes)
6. Closing (10 minutes)
  - Partner updates
  - Comments and questions

**Next Workgroup Meeting:** September 10, 2025 – at CMCA (807 N. Providence Rd) or via [Zoom](#)

**Upward Mobility** is the idea that everyone deserves the chance to improve their lives and economic well-being, to be valued and feel like they belong, and to have power and autonomy. Thriving communities are those that support opportunities to boost upward mobility and aim to narrow inequities for children, youth, and adults.

*Ground Rules (Adapted from University of Michigan Guidelines for Discussing Difficult or High Stakes Topics)*

Listen respectfully. | Listen actively and with an ear to ‘understanding others’ views. | Commit to learning, not debating. | Comment to share information, not to persuade. | Discuss ideas. | Avoid blame, speculation, and inflammatory language. | Avoid assumptions about any member of a social group. Do not ask individuals to speak for their (perceived) social group. | Allow everyone the chance to speak if they choose to do so.