



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Early Grade Literacy Workgroup Agenda

January 14, 2026, 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Central Missouri Community Action (807 N. Providence, Columbia, MO) via Zoom

Meeting Objective: Make progress on Raising Readers for Spring 2026 launch

1. Welcome
 - a. Partner Updates
2. Follow up from last meeting
 - a. NET Reach out for April 2026 spotlight
 - b. Parental Release form
 - c. School contacts for kindergarten entry data
 - d. Campaign material pricing
3. Group work session on Raising Readers
 - a. Timeline review and progress tracker
4. Next Steps
5. Closing

Next Workgroup Meeting: February 11, 2026, via Zoom or in person at Central Missouri Community Action (807 N. Providence Rd, Columbia, MO)

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

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.

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