



The Colorado READ Act and the Science of Reading for Families Resource Guide

Purpose

This guide provides a curated list of websites, articles, and video resources for families to support reading development and literacy at home.

General Tips for Supporting Reading Development & Literacy at Home



Websites

[Colorín Colorado Help Your Child Learn to Read \(Colorín Colorado\)](#)

This bilingual website provides tips for what parents can do at home, fun activities, suggestions for choosing books to share, and ideas on how to prepare children for a lifetime and love of reading.

[ExcelinEd Raising A Readers \(ExcelinEd\)](#)

This website provides resources to help families and caregivers support children in becoming skilled readers.

[Iowa Reading Research Center Caregivers Resource Hub \(Iowa Reading Research Center\)](#)

This website provides information and resources to help parents stay informed and support children's education.

[NCIL Resources for Families \(National Center on Improving Literacy\)](#)

This website provides a collection of resources for parents to help support children's foundational reading skills at home.

[The Reading League Families and Caregivers Compass \(The Reading League\)](#)

This website provides primary considerations and resources for families and caregivers.

[Reading Rockets Reading 101: A Guide for Parents \(Reading Rockets\)](#)

This website provides a guide developed to help parents discover what it takes to build important literacy skills, and how parents can help children grow as readers, writers, and thinkers.

[UFLI Parent Resource Hub \(University of Florida Literacy Institute\)](#)

This website provides a collection of web-based language and literacy resources that was compiled and curated by UFLI faculty and graduate students.



Articles

[6 Phonemic Awareness Activities To Help Your Child Learn To Read \(Voyager Sopris Learning\)](#)

This document provides a few sound games and everyday objects parents can use with children to help develop phonemic awareness skills.

[10 Key Policies and Practices for Supporting Language Development \(The Meadows Center\)](#)

This document discusses 10 easy-to-follow recommendations that parents can use to support children's language development.

[Decoding Tips for Parents \(Middle Tennessee State University\)](#)

This document provides parents with five common word reading errors and how to help children.

[Family and Caregivers Guide \(Indiana Department of Education\)](#)

This guide provides the basics of evidence-based literacy instruction and routines parents can use to help support readers at home.

[How Can I Help Improve My Child's Reading Comprehension? Two Useful Strategies for Reading at Home \(The Meadows Center\)](#)

This document provides two evidence-based strategies parents can use at home to help children use comprehension strategies when reading at home.

[Milestones for Early Literacy Development \(Reach Out and Read\)](#)

This infographic provides milestones of early literacy development for children, birth to age 5.

[Supporting Your Child's Literacy Development at Home \(National Center on Improving Literacy\)](#)

This infographic provides suggestions for parents and children to engage in literacy experiences at home.

[Tips for Supporting Reading Skills at Home \(What Works Clearinghouse\)](#)

This document includes tips that highlight evidence-based practices from classroom settings that could also help parents or caregivers develop children's reading at home.



Videos

[Expert Minute Video Series \(Middle Tennessee State University\)](#)

This video series features prominent researchers and educators sharing key information and best practices in the field of reading instruction.

[Helping Kids Learn at Home \(The Meadows Center\)](#)

This video series was created during COVID to help parents use effective practices to teach children at home.

[Helping Your Elementary-Aged Kid Practicing Reading at Home \(The Meadows Center\)](#)

This video provides some tips and ideas for reading with elementary-aged kids and ways to make it fun and motivating.

Colorado Department of Education Resources

[The Colorado READ Act and the Science of Reading for Families](#)

This turnkey series was developed to support parents with ways to help their children build reading skills in partnership with their child's school and district.

[Family and Community Guides to the Colorado Academic Standards \(CAS\)](#)

These guides provide overviews of the learning expectations for preschool through high school. These guides offer some learning experiences students may engage in at school that may also be supported at home.

[Minimum Reading Competency Skills Matrix](#)

This document provides a guide for the minimum reading skills necessary for students in kindergarten through third grade to achieve by the end of the year to be on track for acquiring basic grade level reading skills.

[READ Act Parent Resources](#)

This page provides reading and literacy tips and recommendations for parents, storytelling resources in audio and video format, and information on how to access your local public library.

[Read. Learn. Lead.](#)

This website is a tool for parents and caregivers to access engaging resources, tips, and activities that can further help with your child's love of reading.

[READ Plans 101](#)

This series of instructional videos walks through the purpose, creation, and implementation of READ Plans.

[Science of Reading Resources](#)

This page offers different modes for exploring the science of reading through podcasts, videos, books, book studies, research articles and ways to connect with the science of reading community.