

# Georgia Reads Community Collaborative

*The Next Chapter of Georgia Reads — Supporting Georgia's Vision for Literacy*

## What It Is

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*Georgia Reads*, an initiative of the Georgia Council on Literacy, has recognized and awarded communities across the state that are building locally driven collaboratives to improve literacy outcomes for children and families. As Georgia enters its next phase of literacy improvement, this community engagement work is transitioning to the **Georgia Reads Community Collaborative (GRCC)** — the community engagement component of Georgia's State Literacy Plan, *Vision 2030*, under House Bill 1193, *The Early Literacy Act of 2026*.

Developed through a partnership of the **Governor's Office of Education and Workforce Strategy (GOEWS)**, the **Georgia Municipal Association (GeorgiaForward)**, and the **Get Georgia Reading Campaign**, the Collaborative supports communities with the leadership, structure, and resource identification needed to improve literacy outcomes.

## Why the Transition?

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A guiding principle of *Vision 2030* is that every Georgia community is supported with the resources and knowledge needed to improve family literacy. GRCC brings together local governments, school districts, early childhood providers, libraries, healthcare organizations, businesses, community organizations, and families to:

- Provide a framework for communities to organize local partnerships.
- Build leadership capacity.
- Develop and implement family literacy action plans.
- Connect local birth-to-five partners to their school district's required Unified Literacy Plan.

## How It Works

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**Leadership Development — Community Facilitators.** Credentialed facilitator training will be provided for approximately 30 nominees from sector partners. Trained facilitators become community liaisons, guiding communities as they build and implement local literacy improvement plans and serving as a liaison to local school districts.

**Three-Year Collaborative Training Cohorts.** Beginning with five communities in 2027 — with additional communities added each year — teams led by local government officials commit to a three-year leadership and capacity-building process. Participating communities build a cross-sector leadership team, work with trained facilitators, join leadership retreats and peer learning, develop a community literacy strategic plan, implement evidence-based local solutions, and measure and share progress statewide. All community work is grounded in the Get Georgia Reading Campaign's Four Pillars and aligned with *Vision 2030*.

**Statewide Community Resources.** Georgia Reads and the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee will serve as a hub for resources and best practices in partnership with the Get Georgia Reading Campaign, state education and health care agencies, and other state partners — supporting strategic engagement between community partners and local school districts as Unified Literacy Plans are refined.

## Partners Working Together

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**GOEWS** — Provides statewide leadership through *Vision 2030*, monitors progress toward Georgia's literacy goals, and leads the HB 1193 statewide communications strategy in partnership with all state literacy partners, with specific opportunities for communities to enhance communication.

**Georgia Municipal Association (GeorgiaForward)** — Leads implementation of the Collaborative through facilitator training and management of the three-year cohorts: coordinating community engagement, fostering leadership development, offering facilitation support, and engaging teams in peer learning. GMA will also develop a yearly community recognition program.

**Get Georgia Reading** — Provides the research, technical assistance, and evidence-based frameworks that guide community literacy planning and implementation for facilitators, training cohorts, and community resources.