



## Reducing Summer Learning Loss Tips for Policy Makers

- ❖ Provide funding and establish public-private partnerships to expand access to **high-quality summer learning programs** through summer camps; parks and recreation programs; libraries; community-based organizations like the YMCAs and Boys and Girls Clubs; and child care programs. Visit the [United Way of Rhode Island's Afterschool and Summer Learning Map](#) for more information on programs across the state.
- ❖ Provide **high-quality resources and training** to professionals running summer programs so they can support the development of language and literacy skills over the summer.
- ❖ Organize a **summer kick-off event** or fair in the early spring to provide families with information about summer programs and opportunities to sign up for these programs.
- ❖ Get the word out about your community's **summer food programs**, and include information about the times and locations of these programs.
- ❖ Celebrate national **Summer Learning Day** to raise awareness about the importance of summer learning. Pay visits to local summer learning programs, and invite the media.
- ❖ **Write an op-ed** for your local newspaper describing why keeping children learning, safe, and healthy during the summer is important in reducing summer learning loss.
- ❖ **Use social media** to raise awareness about summer learning loss and strategies for keeping children learning all summer long.
- ❖ Encourage families to read together with their children for **at least 20 minutes every day**, especially over the summer.
- ❖ Encourage children to **visit their local library** over the summer to join summer reading challenges and participate in exciting library programs.

