



Tips for Everyone

- ❖ **Talk, read, and sing** to children every day to build early language skills.
- ❖ **Organize a book drive** to collect new and used books, and help get them into the hands of your community's children.
- ❖ **Organize volunteers** to work as reading partners and mentors at schools, early childhood programs, libraries, and summer learning programs.
- ❖ Make getting your child to school on time and every day a **top priority**.
- ❖ **Talk to friends and neighbors** about the importance of regular school attendance and the connection between regular school attendance and school success.
- ❖ **Advocate** to improve school readiness, reduce chronic absence, and reduce summer learning loss.
- ❖ Create a **summer passport program** that encourages families to visit libraries, museums, zoos, farms, and other community-based organizations where children can engage in hands-on learning.
- ❖ Help 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.
- ❖ **Use social media** to raise awareness about early learning and afterschool programs, summer learning loss, and chronic absence. Share strategies that make a difference in these areas.
- ❖ **Advocate for increased, dedicated state and local funding** to support high-quality early learning, afterschool, and summer learning programs in your state and community.

