**2019 Community Solutions Pacesetters and Bright Spots**

The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (CGLR) has named 34 communities as Pacesetter Honors recipients and/or Bright Spots for their work during 2019 to support early school success.

“Recognizing Pacesetters and Bright Spots is our way of applauding and thanking the civic leaders, organizations and agencies that have joined forces to build brighter futures for children in their communities,” said Ralph Smith, managing director of CGLR. “We are learning with them and from them what it takes to move the needle and close the gap. Mobilized communities — like these Pacesetters and Bright Spots — are essential to ensuring school success.”

The 2019 Pacesetter communities are honored for exemplary work and reporting observable progress in the inaugural round of the GLR *What’s Working* Xchange (winter/spring 2020). The 2019 Bright Spots are recognized for filing one or more stories that were highly-rated by nearly 400 peer reviewers, also in conjunction with the initial round of the GLR *What’s Working* Xchange. These 34 communities represent the “leading edge” of innovation, impact and improvement within the GLR Network, currently comprised of more than 350 communities, representing 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and two provinces in Canada.

CGLR recognizes the following 29 communities as recipients of 2019 Pacesetter Honors. Click on the name of the community to be taken to that community’s profile page on CLIP, where its stories are available in the “Community Stories” section.

* [Avondale, AZ](https://clipglr.org/community/8d5cebf5-af98-4c40-adc3-41495a5a378c/home): Philanthropic Engagement and Leadership; Messaging and Communications
* [Broward County, FL](https://clipglr.org/community/96575150-646a-4ac5-a44c-3717d38034df/home): Grade-Level Proficiency; Improving Instruction; Strengthening Support Services
* [Indian River County, FL](https://clipglr.org/community/1406e9ed-e8f0-4125-a080-15c5323acf38/home): School Readiness; Parent Success; Healthy Development; Grade-Level Proficiency; Big Tent Collaboration; Aligning What We Know (Science) With What We Do (Practice); Strengthening Pre-K to K–12 (early years to early grades) Transitions
* [Miami-Dade County, FL](https://clipglr.org/community/ab3cde26-8573-49aa-9289-b02453b3db54/home): Summer and Afterschool; Meeting Fiscal Challenges
* [Palm Beach County, FL](https://clipglr.org/community/a01997ee-cca3-491f-ae79-460902432726/home): Summer and Afterschool; Big Tent Collaboration; Messaging and Communications; Strengthening Pre-K to K–12 (early years to early grades) Transitions; Driving with Data; Using Technology
* [Suncoast, FL](https://clipglr.org/community/63c3c88a-ad43-4077-83cd-1100577b88a1/home): Summer and Afterschool; Parent Success; Big Tent Collaboration; Philanthropic Engagement and Leadership; Driving with Data
* [Whitfield County, GA](https://clipglr.org/community/e0935771-66e5-45f6-b30b-3d89b6847b46/home) : Grade-Level Proficiency
* [Cedar Rapids, IA](https://clipglr.org/community/54d5b9f3-33a3-4a6f-9446-82013a55b154/home): Summer and Afterschool
* [Council Bluffs, IA](https://clipglr.org/community/a6a99e25-09cd-46f7-9ad4-ed2e8bb149c4/home): Aligning What We Know (Science) With What We Do (Practice)
* [Des Moines, IA](https://clipglr.org/community/f4345b5c-6fd5-4097-a78f-ee729c503836/home), IA: Healthy Development
* [Dubuque, IA](https://clipglr.org/community/4738c8d0-d2cd-40b9-b7cb-b3f3d0506ae0/home): Aligning What We Know (Science) With What We Do (Practice)
* [Grinnell, IA](https://clipglr.org/community/e5b41c62-5776-4fbf-a2f2-539b0bb633a7/home): School Attendance/Chronic Absence; Big Tent Collaboration
* [Quad Cities, IA and IL](https://clipglr.org/community/0f8c6793-d7de-4242-b94c-d924ccadd1ec/home): Driving with Data
* [Sioux City, IA](https://clipglr.org/community/866c04ab-4d68-4575-9cda-eeb4dab2912e/home): Aligning What We Know (Science) With What We Do (Practice)
* [Story County, IA](https://clipglr.org/community/263ad5b0-5985-4dd6-89e6-09f618d73ee4/home): Big Tent Collaboration
* [Shawnee County, KS](https://clipglr.org/community/545d45d2-71fd-4de1-acf5-d44387e1a94c/home): Strengthening Support Services
* [New Orleans, LA](https://clipglr.org/community/c663423e-6ecd-4580-937c-b5368847ed9e/home): Big Tent Collaboration; Philanthropic Engagement and Leadership
* [Springfield, MA](https://clipglr.org/community/b12c993f-d900-4215-9492-9b5c1b02e29c/home): Big Tent Collaboration; Messaging and Communications
* [Southeast Mississippi](https://clipglr.org/community/8477bf67-8204-4c2f-ac76-feedafdb5f16/home): School Attendance/Chronic Absence
* [Kansas City, MO](https://clipglr.org/community/1ef49e9a-ffa0-4d7a-853c-a010e2503bf7/home): Improving Instruction
* [Durham County, NC](https://clipglr.org/community/54b2dd8d-c7b6-4999-b5b7-13ca48bcc611/home): Strengthening Support Services
* [Nash and Edgecombe Counties, NC](https://clipglr.org/community/5cd0d7de-1a0a-4fe7-accd-63ea96987487/home): Parent Success; Big Tent Collaboration; Strengthening Pre-K to K–12 (early years to early grades) Transitions
* [New York City (Mott Haven Neighborhood), NY](https://clipglr.org/community/45eb12a9-3aed-4f41-9896-a52e603acf57/home): Grade-Level Proficiency
* [Lehigh Valley, PA](https://clipglr.org/community/10825e82-a7fd-4ad2-9880-78b5dcef0c3d/home): Improving Instruction; Strengthening Support Services
* [Philadelphia, PA](https://clipglr.org/community/08203bdf-4bde-417f-ad61-e3881798fa06/home): Parent Success
* [Black Hills, SD](https://clipglr.org/community/78a4fa0f-6060-419e-86e0-917e1d8621b0/home): Big Tent Collaboration
* [Salt Lake (Clearfield, Kearns, Park City and South Salt Lake), UT](https://clipglr.org/community/1bd1408a-b669-4a14-bde9-2ad6e2475ae4/home): Grade-Level Proficiency
* [Roanoke, VA](https://clipglr.org/community/5a878fe0-2e60-4939-b836-f0d8b47d0b3e/home): Healthy Development
* [Virginia Beach, VA](https://clipglr.org/community/26c024e0-5f98-41f2-aafb-24115880b680/home): Summer and Afterschool; Using Technology

CGLR also recognizes the following 19 communities as 2019 Bright Spots. Click on the name of the community to be taken to that community’s profile page on CLIP, where its stories are available in the “Community Stories” section.

* [Tempe, AZ](https://clipglr.org/community/94368b91-8471-4b93-8e9c-7aecb747074e/home): School Readiness; Grade-Level Proficiency
* [Stockton-San Joaquin County, CA](https://clipglr.org/community/f0d17e0b-a014-4d7a-8f7a-d9e6ede0b03e/home): School Attendance/Chronic Absence
* [Hartford, CT](https://clipglr.org/community/d3aebf71-b1d7-4350-9eee-67b5a1b683f4/home): School Attendance/Chronic Absence
* [Broward County, FL](https://clipglr.org/community/96575150-646a-4ac5-a44c-3717d38034df/home): School Readiness
* [Delray Beach, FL](https://clipglr.org/community/0661d2c5-644b-4e6d-93b2-bf3bcf758e47/home): Grade-Level Proficiency
* [Indian River County, FL](https://clipglr.org/community/1406e9ed-e8f0-4125-a080-15c5323acf38/home): Summer and Afterschool
* [Palm Beach County, FL](https://clipglr.org/community/a01997ee-cca3-491f-ae79-460902432726/home): School Readiness
* [Whitfield County, GA](https://clipglr.org/community/e0935771-66e5-45f6-b30b-3d89b6847b46/home): Parent Success
* [Des Moines, IA](https://clipglr.org/community/f4345b5c-6fd5-4097-a78f-ee729c503836/home): School Readiness
* [Quad Cities, IA and IL](https://clipglr.org/community/0f8c6793-d7de-4242-b94c-d924ccadd1ec/home): School Readiness
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* [Nashville, TN](https://clipglr.org/community/d3e03d4f-8625-4bf4-900a-e373752ce129/home): Summer and Afterschool