

Bright Spots Silver Linings
GLR WEEK 2022 JULY 18-22



GLR Week 2022 begins on Monday! We hope that you will register today and make plans to join the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (CGLR) for a week-long series of virtual events that will spotlight how dozens of states are working to advance early school success and accelerate equitable learning recovery. Organized and hosted by CGLR's network of state lead organizations, these virtual events include webinars, documentary screenings, panel discussions, trainings and story times.

In addition, GLR Week 2022 will feature daily plenary sessions hosted by CGLR for its networks of local funders, coalition-leading organizations and program partners. As with GLR Week 2021, these sessions will lift up and explore the transformative potential of emerging "bright spots and silver linings" that illuminate the path toward what could be the hoped-for "new normal." GLR Week 2022 will also be held concurrently with the [2022 All-America City Awards](#), which CGLR is co-convening with the National Civic League; cross-listed sessions are noted below. We look forward to seeing you.

join us!

**monday
july 18**

**A Virtual Gratitude Session:
CGLR Salutes Our Public Library Partners**

3-4:30PM ET

Public libraries have been a mainstay of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading since its inception. As trusted centers of the community, libraries are in a unique position to attract potential partners and provide benefits and resources to organizations with common goals. CGLR recognizes the importance of public libraries, not only for their role in the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading but also for their part in serving their communities as a hub, a connector, a beacon for civil society and a place for learning, resilience and discovery.

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**The Case for Housing as a Platform:
A Philanthropic Perspective**

Co-Convened with the National Civic League for the 2022 All-America City Awards

12:30-2PM ET

Public housing authorities and affordable housing organizations are critical partners in supporting children of economically challenged, fragile and marginalized families by meeting them "where they are" with 24/7/365/multigenerational systems of services and supports. In this plenary workshop, philanthropic leaders will discuss the essential role of affordable housing and the importance of funders working collaboratively to address the complex issues facing children, families and communities.

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**tuesday
july 19**

**Building Blocks for the New Normal:
Mining the Bright Spots and Silver Linings**

3-4:30PM ET

Despite the challenges faced by children, educators, families and all who are committed to advancing early school success during the pandemic, the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading retains our relentless optimism about what is possible. This optimism is fueled by the innovative approaches to slow, stop and reverse learning loss and spur equitable learning recovery that we've seen in communities across the country. These "bright spots and silver linings" that have emerged, with sustained investment and action, could drive transformative change for years to come. Featuring a panel of exceptional national leaders, this session seeks to lift up and celebrate several pandemic-driven developments that can contribute to a better "new normal."

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All-America City Awards Opening Ceremony

Co-Convened with the National Civic League for the 2022 All-America City Awards

5-6PM ET

Attendees will be welcomed to the virtual event by National Civic League President Doug Linkhart and Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Managing Director Ralph Smith. Adrienne Todman, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will share keynote remarks.

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**wednesday
july 20**

Housing as a Platform Roundtable Learning Exchange

Co-Convened with the National Civic League for the 2022 All-America City Awards

11:30-1PM ET

Attendees will engage in dialogue and sharing of on-the-ground experience in breakout rooms based on the seven areas of focus of the 2022 AAC theme. This session is open to both 2022 All-America City finalists and leaders from communities across the country. Sessions will be moderated by practitioners and participants will be encouraged to share learnings and lessons from their own communities.

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**\$65 Billion to Advance Digital Equity:
Leverage Challenges & Opportunities
for State & Local Philanthropy**

3-4:30PM ET

With the 2021 passage of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the federal government is making an historic investment to advance digital equity, including programs to build internet infrastructure, teach digital skills and increase access to the broadband necessary for work, school, health care and more. This funding builds on the early investments made by state and local funders who took immediate action to ensure that children and families had access to the connectivity, devices and assistance needed to continue learning when schools were operating virtually. It also represents a call-to-action for those and other funders who can now take action to ensure that these new public programs reach those most in need. Featuring a panel of philanthropic leaders and advocates who have been working to promote digital equity throughout the pandemic, this session will explore their progress and lessons learned and the opportunities afforded through new federal funding.

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**Community Coalition-Leading Organizations:
Celebrating Community and Cultivating Resilience**

3-4:30PM ET

The GLR communities across our network have experienced both highs and lows this past year. In this session, CGLR will celebrate the highs by recognizing the communities being honored as Pacesetter finalists. These communities have shown exemplary efforts in one or more of the following areas: increasing school readiness, ending chronic absence, reversing the summer slide, addressing health-related challenges, equipping parents to succeed, advancing grade-level reading and math, or taking key steps to slow learning loss and accelerate equitable learning recovery.

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**thursday
july 21**

All-America City Awards - Closing Ceremony

Co-Convened with the National Civic League for the 2022 All-America City Awards

7:30-9PM ET

During the closing session of the 2022 All-America City Awards, the National Civic League and the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading will announce which community has won the 2022 AAC Award. Don't miss out on an opportunity to celebrate the successes of all the AAC finalists and to congratulate the 2022 AAC winners!

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**friday
july 22**

Assume Collaboration: The Consultative Conversation on Aggregating for Impact Continues (By Invitation Only)

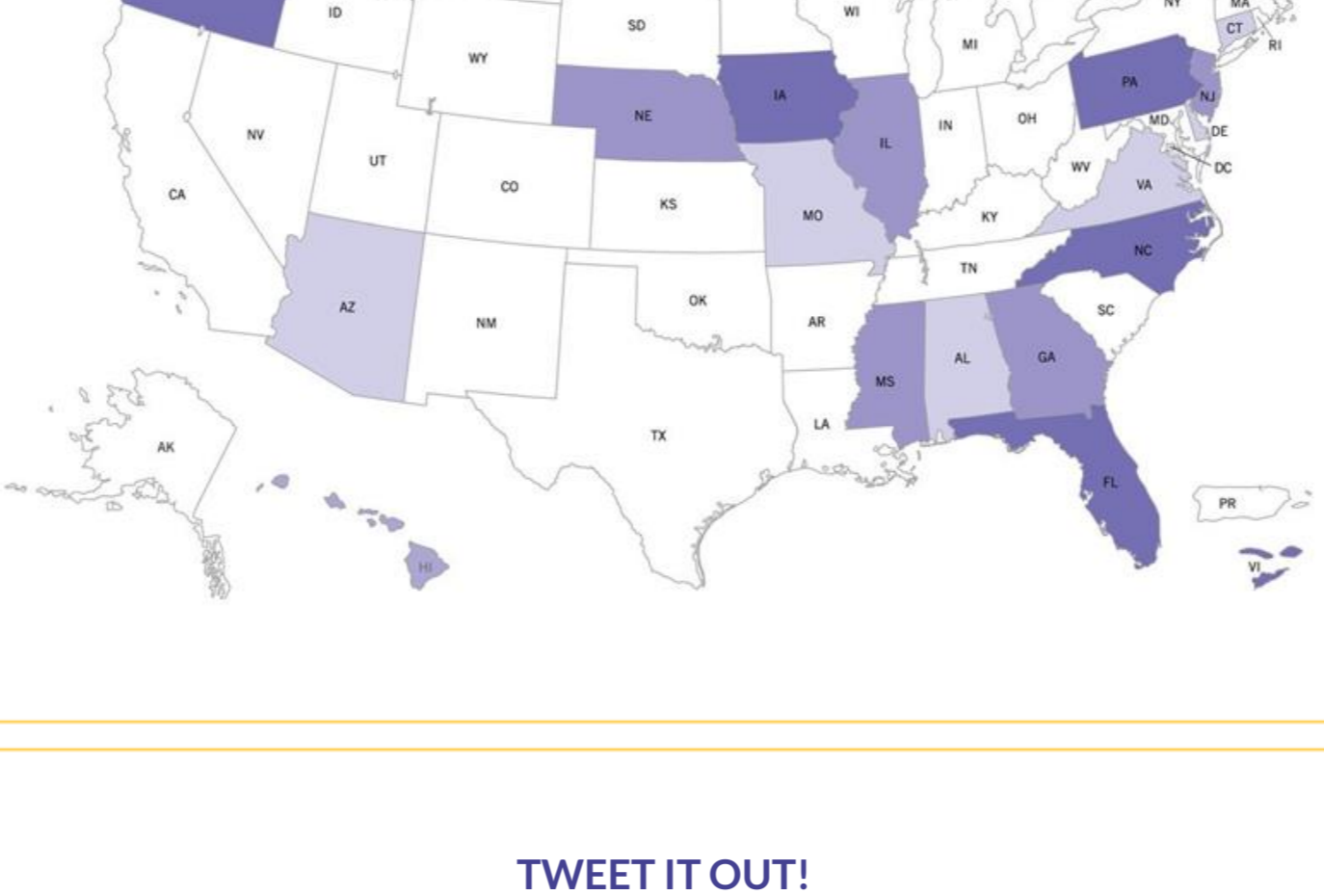
2-3:30PM ET

This invitation-only session continues the conversation launched during GLR week 2021. Focusing primarily on the two major collaborative efforts highlighted — the Rapid Response Virtual Home Visiting Collaborative and the Hand-in-Hand Community Framework for Early Childhood Collaboration — the panel of presenters will be invited to provide an overview of each initiative's progress over the past year, the challenges (anticipated and not) encountered and the lessons learned so far. The session will allow for a deeper dive on the initiatives by providing each a separate Zoom room for Q&A, feedback and exchange with the respective speakers as well as other key insiders.

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GLR WEEK STATE ACTIVITIES

CGLR's network of state lead organizations are justly proud of how local communities, regional stakeholders and statewide advocates have stepped up and leaned in on the challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic. In 2021, 24 of those lead organizations organized and sponsored 47 events recognizing the progress made and the promises ahead.



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Spots are filling up fast! Join @readingby3rd's #GLRWeek from July 18-22! This series of virtual events includes webinars, documentary screenings, panel discussions + trainings. Take your pick + register now.
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#GLRWeek is coming soon! From July 18-22, join @readingby3rd's network of funders, coalition-leading organizations + program partners for a series of virtual events—created by the GLR community, for the GLR community. Details <http://ow.ly/56Fm50EQwV> #BrightSpotsSilverLinings

Time is running out – it's almost GLR week!
Seats are filling up quickly, don't miss your spot!

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