



**BOONE COUNTY**  
UPWARD MOBILITY

Early Grade Literacy Workgroup Agenda  
May 13, 2026, 3:00pm – 4:30pm  
Central Missouri Community Action (807 N. Providence, Columbia, MO) via Zoom

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**Meeting Objective:** Debrief Raising Readers Launch and discuss workgroup future goals

1. Welcome
  - a. Partner Updates
2. Debrief of Jim Gill Concert
3. Raising Readers report
  - a. Email sign ups
  - b. Followers
4. Workgroup future goals
5. Summer 2026 meeting schedule
6. Next Steps
7. Closing

**Next Workgroup Meeting:** June 10, 2026, via Zoom or in person at Central Missouri Community Action (807 N. Providence Rd, Columbia, MO)

**Results Statement:** All children in Boone County learn to read and write and see themselves as readers and writers.

**Upward Mobility** is the idea that everyone deserves the chance to improve their lives and economic well-being, to be valued and feel like they belong, and to have power and autonomy. Thriving communities are those that support opportunities to boost upward mobility and aim to narrow inequities for children, youth, and adults.

Ground Rules (*Adapted from University of Michigan Guidelines for Discussing Difficult or High Stakes Topics*)

Listen respectfully. | Listen actively and with an ear to ‘understanding others’ views. | Commit to learning, not debating. | Comment to share information, not to persuade. | Discuss ideas. | Avoid blame, speculation, and inflammatory language. | Avoid assumptions about any member of a social group. Do not ask individuals to speak for their (perceived) social group. | Allow everyone the chance to speak if they choose to do so.

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