



Bright Start TN
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Lunch 'n' Learn



Defining and Measuring School Readiness

TOEE Tennesseans
for Quality
Early Education



7/26/24

Nonpartisan coalition of advocates for Tennessee's youngest learners



Effective Policy
& Practice



A Strong Voice



Legislation

Mission: To advance state policies and practices that ensure all Tennessee children **birth through 3rd grade** get the high-quality early education they need to power our state's future.



Bright starts finish strong.

- ★ Statewide network
- ★ Community partnerships
- ★ Closing achievement and opportunity gaps
- ★ Children birth through 3rd grade

Bright Start TN now reaching 60% of TN's population



★ **Memphis / Shelby County**
First 8 Memphis

★ **West Tennessee**
United Way of West TN
(Decatur, Dyer, Hardeman, Haywood, Hardin, Lake, Madison, McNairy, and Weakley)

★ **Nashville / Davidson County**
Peabody Center at Vanderbilt

★ **South Central TN**
United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties
(Bedford, Cannon*, Coffee, Moore, Lincoln, Rutherford, and Warren*)

★ **Upper Cumberland**
Upper Cumberland Development District
(Cannon*, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Van Buren, Warren*, and White)

★ **Chattanooga / Hamilton County**
Chattanooga 2.0

★ **Knoxville / Knox County**
United Way of Greater Knoxville

★ **Northeast Tennessee**
Ballad Health / STRONG ACC
(Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington)

Creating a Cycle of Success

What children need to achieve 3rd grade level reading and math proficiency



- High-quality birth-through-age-eight learning environments
- Physical health, mental health, and development on track from birth
- Supported, and supportive, families and communities

High-Quality Learning Environments



High Quality
Child Care and
Education



Positive Early Care
and Education



Regular School
Attendance



Grade-level
Proficiency
Pre-K-2nd Grade



Climate
Summer
Learning

Health & Development on Track from Birth



Healthy
Birthweight



Physical
Health



Social-
Emotional
Health



Oral
Health



Early
Intervention

Supported and Supportive, Families & Communities



Safe at Home



Positive
Parent/Child
Interaction



Reading with
Children



Supports for
Families



Skilled and
Knowledgeable
Parents

Our guest speakers today:

- ★ **Beth Huber**—Bright Start TN Fellow for NETN, Collective Impact Specialist, STRONG ACC
- ★ **Dr. Mia Hyde**—Director, Comprehensive Educational Resources (CER), Niswonger Foundation
- ★ **Dr. Nancy Dishner**—President and CEO, Niswonger Foundation
- ★ **Jennifer Andrews**—Bright Start TN Fellow for Chattanooga/Hamilton Co, Director of Early Childhood Strategies, Chattanooga 2.0

Nominate and tag a TN Early Educator below!

Awardees will receive:

- ★ \$1,000 Prize Money
- ★ Shopping Spree at Lakeshore Learning
- ★ A trip to Nashville
- ★ Surprise prizes!



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We want YOU to Nominate a TN Early Educator!

Tag your favorite TN Early Educator in the comments below!



TN Early Educator Awards
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Nomination window closes on August 2nd at 12pCT



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Up Next:
BSTN Data Dashboard 2.0

August 30: 12-1pET / 11a-12pCT



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Thank you.

CLOSING MESSAGE.

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