

## Defining and Measuring School Readiness









### Nonpartisan coalition of advocates for Tennessee's youngest learners



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\*)

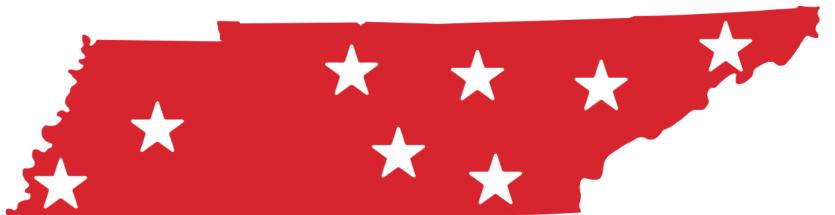
#### Upper Cumberland Upper Cumberland Development District

(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

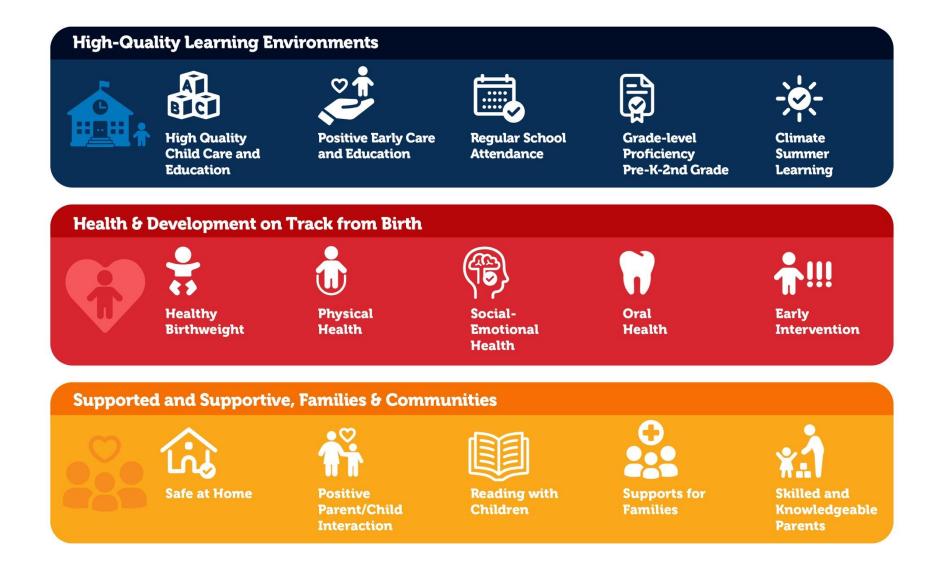






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#### Our guest speakers today:

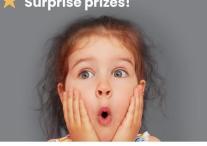
- ★ Beth Huber—Bright Start TN Fellow for NETN, Collective Impact Specialist, STRONG ACC
- Dr. Mia Hyde—Director, Comprehensive Educational Resources (CER), Niswonger Foundation
- **Dr. Nancy Dishner**—President and CEO, Niswonger Foundation
- Jennifer Andrews—Bright Start TN Fellow for
  Chattanooga/Hamilton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

#### **BSTN Lunch 'n' Learn:**

#### 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!





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Nomination window closes on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12pCT



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# Lunch 'n' Learn

## Up Next: BSTN Data Dashboard 2.0 August 30: 12-1pET / 11a-12pCT







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# Thank you. CLOSING MESSAGE.

