



3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR)

June 2019

BRAIN MATTERS Coming Soon!



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"If you want to see just one film to understand the deeply meaningful imperative of investing in the earliest years for children, this would be it. The case made for high-quality early childhood development -- and to the future of children, community and country -- is powerful and compelling." David Lawrence Jr., President of The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation and leader of The Children's Movement of Florida.

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is privileged to be featured in Brain Matters. During a period of three days, the crew interviewed SCGLR's guest Ellen Galinsky, author of *Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs*; interviewed Kathryn Shea, CEO of The Florida Center; filmed part of a Mind in the Making workshop at Glenallen Elementary School led by Jennifer Kahler and Lora Kosten; and visited the home of Pamela Melton and her husband Eric, a participant in the MITM workshop.

This film explores the power of the brain in the first three years of life, and will soon be available on iTunes, [Amazon](#) and VOD. Stay tuned for more information regarding the screening in our region.

MIND in the Making



FREE WORKSHOPS

Mind in the Making (MITM)
Currently Registering:

La mente en formación
Equipo Manatí
Mondays, July 1, 8, 22, 29
6:30pm - 8:30pm

La mente en formación
Equipo Naranja
Mondays, July 1, 8, 22, 29
& August 5

La mente en formación
Equipo Cerebro
Saturday, August 17 & 24

La mente en formación
Equipo Feliz
Friday, August 9
Saturday, August 10
Sunday, August 11

La mente en formación
Equipo León
Tuesday, September 10,
October 8, November 5,
December 3
5:00pm-7:00pm

La mente en formación
Equipo Koala
Tuesday, September 17,
October 22, November
12, December 10
5:00pm-7:00pm

ZERO TO THREE: State of Babies Yearbook 2019



State of Babies Yearbook: 2019 [total time: 46 seconds]

ZERO TO THREE's State of Babies 2019 Yearbook compares the United States, state by state, in three key areas essential for a successful life:

- Good Health
- Strong Families
- Positive Early Learning Experiences

Below is Florida's snapshot of how infants, toddlers, and their families are faring with respect to these three developmental domains.

Florida's Rankings

KEY **G** Getting Started **R** Reaching Forward **O** Improving Outcomes **W** Working Effectively

Overall

G R O W

Getting Started

Good Health

G R O W

Getting Started



Friday Fest at the Van Wezel

June 21
5:00p-9:00p

Summer Learning Day at The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature

June 29
10:00am-5:00pm

FREE Parenting Program Groups at Forty Carrots Family Center

Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge



The Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge is a well-oiled machine, and SCGLR is delighted to announce that **as of June 18...48,685 books have already been read!**

Kudos to the 90+ summer camps and programs from our four-county region which have made reading a top priority to strengthen our children + community.

Strong Families

G R O W

Reaching Forward

Positive Early Learning
Experiences

G R O W

Getting Started

[The State of Florida's Babies](#)

We know that parents play the most important role in their children's lives, and that it also takes a community to raise our kiddos to success. Programs like [Mind in the Making](#) and [The Power of Presence](#) book circles are helping to strengthen our families, and trusting partnerships within our four-county region are creating stronger relationships to achieve our shared aspirations.

We've got the "G" and the "R." As we work toward improvements in Florida's ranking, we can stay the course for positive change by continuing to bring people, organizations, and our communities together to reach "O" and "W."

[ACCESS THE STATE OF BABIES YEARBOOK: 2019](#)

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State Trends in Child Well-Being

State policy environments and budget constraints make protecting and expanding investments in kids and families difficult. Annie E. Casey's national data resources -- the KIDS COUNT Data Center website and the annual KIDS COUNT Data Book -- are critical tools in helping advocates, nonprofit leaders, funders and policymakers achieve targeted policy wins, deliver more effective programs and allocate funds most appropriately.

[The KIDS COUNT Data Center](#) is an online resource that provides data on child well-being over time from trusted national sources and from more than [53 state- and territory-based organizations](#). The KIDS COUNT Data Center houses hundreds of key child and family well-being indicators and more than four million data points at the national and local levels. A [mobile version of the KIDS COUNT Data Center](#) is available.

[The KIDS COUNT Data Book](#) provides a detailed picture of how children are faring in the United States, ranking states on overall child well-being and domains. The Data Book also contains key indicators covering economic well-being, education, health, and family and community.



In 2018, 5,369 children participated, with 4,915 completing the challenge by reading at least six books. In total, they read 126,787 books. SCGLR obtained aggregate performance data for 69 summer providers who worked with elementary school-aged children for at least four weeks during the summer months. These children took an i-Ready diagnostic test in the spring of 2018 (AP3) and an i-Ready diagnostic test in the fall of 2018 (AP1), allowing SCGLR to compare their scores to get an indication of a summer reading gain or loss.

- 43 (62%) of the summer locations participating in the Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge experienced no loss of reading skills over the summer.
- 28 (41%) of the summer locations participating in the Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge experienced an increase in their reading skills over the summer, with five locations gaining more than 1.5 months of reading skills.
- 96% of the students who participated in the summer reading challenge had results that outpaced their peers who were not involved in a summer learning program.

As we work together to create meaningful connections with our children fostered by the love of learning and meaningful relationships, SCGLR is inspired by our teamwork and the ability of our community to be

According to the data, here is how Florida ranks in 2019:

- Overall: #37
- Health: #40
- Family and Community: #33
- Economic Well-Being: #45
- Education: #24

[ACCESS ALL FLORIDA INDICATORS](#) for an in-depth view into the data.

[Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation](#)

[According to a recent Aspirations Journalism article](#), the latest report from the [Georgetown University Center for Children and Families](#) finds nearly 1 million fewer children nationwide were enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) at the end of 2018 than in 2017.

The report's findings mirror a trend.

Among children younger than six, the rate of uninsured increased from 3.8% in 2016 to 4.2% in 2017. Most of them live in Florida, Kentucky, Montana, New York and Tennessee.

As a result, these children may go on to lag not only health-wise, but also academically and beyond.

"Kids with Medicaid have a higher graduation rate and earn more later on. And it's not just about treating illness," said Elisabeth Wright Burak, senior fellow at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy's Center for Children and Families (CCF). She said that health coverage was a "school readiness strategy" since a visit with a pediatrician is often the first time a young child is seen before school starts.

of our community to be the architects of change we want to see.

To stay up-to-date on the reading challenge, search [#SummerRC2019](#) on Twitter or click the link and scroll down to read SCGLR's weekly [Summer Reading Challenge newsletter](#).

We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net.