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Family Connection – Communities in Schools of Hancock County, Inc. Receives Summer Literacy Initiatives Mini-Grant Awards

The Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy at Georgia College has provided several mini-grant program design to support community and school-based summer literacy initiatives targeting birth to age 8 language and literacy development needs in order to help mitigate and prevent summer reading loss and provide continuous language development.

The Summer Literacy Initiative Mini-Grant Program is designed to invest in partnerships across communities to potentially include libraries, child care learning centers, primary grades of elementary schools, local service agencies, and local nonprofit partners to support efforts to improve the early language and literacy development of Georgia's young children during the summer months.

Family Connection- Communities In Schools of Hancock County received was a **Tier 2** awardees currently provide and staff a summer program of some type and are ready to use the funds to implement an enhanced or new language and literacy component within the summer program. The focus for these funds might be on books and materials, transportation, curriculum, and/or professional development.

According to Executive Director, Regina Butts, funds will be used to implement a reading component at the three summer camps to be held in Deveruax and Springfield communities from June 4- June 31 and the Sparta Camp to be held on July 2 thru July 31st. Funds will be used to help parent and children avoid the summer reading slide. Parents please enroll your child in one of the above mention Summer Camps during the summer.