



The Center for Development and Learning Launches Louisiana Chapter of The Reading League

Metairie, October 15, 2020 – The Center for Development and Learning (CDL) has partnered with The Reading League, a national nonprofit organization based in Syracuse, New York to launch The Reading League Louisiana.

As a program of CDL, The Reading League Louisiana will advance the awareness, understanding and use of evidence-based reading instruction by creating a community of educators, parents, and advocates.

Only 33% of American students currently demonstrate reading proficiency in 4th and 8th grades. Those numbers are even worse for Louisiana's students - 26% and 27% respectively. Reading proficiency by third grade is the most important predictor of high school graduation and college/career readiness. One in six children who are not reading proficiently in third grade does not graduate from high school on time, a rate four times greater than that for proficient readers ("Double Jeopardy: How Third-Grade Reading Skills and Poverty Influence High School Graduation," The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2012).

The Reading League Louisiana will provide professional development and other learning opportunities to empower educators and other stakeholders with knowledge of how the reading brain works, with the goal of improving reading proficiency rates.



“We are thrilled to bring The Reading League to Louisiana through this partnership,” said DeJenne’ Clark Jackson, Vice President of Program Development. “CDL and The Reading League share the common goal of expanding the network of stakeholders with the knowledge of effective reading instruction.”

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