

# SIT TOGETHER AND READ STAR\* PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

\*Sit Together and Read (STAR) is a PreK program aimed at increasing print awareness. Developed by Dr. Laura Justice at The Ohio State University, STAR is a set of interactive and innovative read-aloud practices. STAR is designed for educators and caregivers and utilizes intentional read-aloud practices and mindful scaffolding strategies. The program encourages and strengthens young children's knowledge and awareness of print.

## Participants will be introduced to Sit Together and Read (STAR) Read-Aloud Practices

A set of interactive and innovative read-aloud practices, STAR is designed for educators and caregivers. All lessons are organized around adult-child readings of high-quality storybooks and are based on the latest scientific knowledge regarding how adults can support children's language and literacy development using systematic and explicit instruction. This module will lead participants through:

- Understanding how STAR Read-Aloud Practices increase children's print knowledge
- Understanding how STAR Read-Aloud Practices can be implemented during whole-group shared book reading
- Understanding the scope and sequence of STAR Read-Aloud Practices
- Implementing lessons using differentiated supports for diverse learners
- Monitoring children's growth over time.

This is a virtual professional development. Please register in advance. Registered participants will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the session.  
This session qualifies for Ohio Approved hours (2.5)

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**

**8:30 - 11:00 AM**

**REGISTER**



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