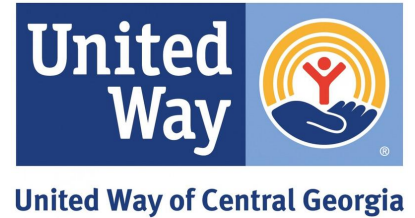




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DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CARE AND LEARNING PROVIDES \$75K GRANT TO UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL GEORGIA

MACON, GA. – Department of Early Care and Learning is providing a \$75,000 grant to United Way of Central Georgia to deliver access to high-quality early programs for dual language learners - ages six weeks up to kindergarten. This will allow United Way to expand its existing First Steps services by using bilingual staff to connect more than 250 new families to needed resources.

Spanish speaking families from Bibb, Macon, Peach, and Crawford counties can also enroll in United Way's successful Parents as Teachers Program which focuses on early learning and development. The funding will enable United Way to gather and document unmet needs and systemic barriers facing families, and to engage and educate system partners about cross-cultural competencies needed to support hispanic families, as well as identifying solutions to overcome these systemic barriers.

About United Way of Central Georgia: United Way of Central Georgia is a leading funder of health and human services that have a measurable impact in fourteen Central Georgia counties and improve the lives of more than 100,000 local people annually. The annual campaign raises more than \$4 million annually and supports 58 programs of 33 local Partner Agencies. United Way of Central Georgia also funds a free, confidential seven-days a week, 24-hours a day information and referral line serving all of Central Georgia. Simply dial 2-1-1 to find or give help. To learn more about what United Way of Central Georgia is doing for the community, visit our website at www.unitedwaycg.com.

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