

# THE CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS EQUATION:

*A Formula that Works for Our Young Children*

**Ready Families + Ready Health Services + Ready Early Care/Education +  
Ready Schools + Ready Communities = READY CHILDREN**

To help make this formula work for **OUR** young children,  
**READY TEAMS** have been created to focus on each of the five pieces of the equation.



## **Vision for Calhoun County's Youngest Citizens:**

Every child in Calhoun County will have a great start. They will be safe, healthy, prepared, and eager to succeed in school and life, becoming contributing and productive members of their community.

**SUPPORTING CALHOUN COUNTY'S YOUNGEST CITIZENS**



## Ready Families

### Ready Families Team Purpose (Calhoun County):

To advocate for families and children (in partnership with Great Start Parent Coalition), to reduce barriers and increase access to quality services that support engaged and empowered families.

### Ready Families Team Definition (Calhoun County):

Ready families are healthy, educated, safe and stable. They have the resources, capabilities and support systems to nurture healthy relationships.

Ready Families create supportive environments where adults embrace their role as the child's first and most important teacher who is responsible for the child's school readiness.



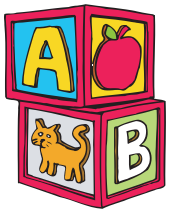
## Ready Health Services

### Ready Health Services Team Definition (Calhoun County):

Ready health services exist when children and families have access to quality health services that begins before a child is born and continues through adulthood.

Communities with access to health coverage, prenatal care, preventative healthcare, mental health and supports for at-risk children and those with developmental delays are more likely to have children entering school healthy and ready to learn.

*(Ready Health Services is coordinated by Regional Health Alliance)*



## Ready Early Care & Education

### Ready Early Care & Education Team Purpose (Calhoun County):

Advocate and support quality professional development and education. Advocate for quality in early childhood experiences. Connect services and coordinate systems that support all children.

### Ready Early Care & Education Team Definition (Calhoun County):

An effective Ready Early Care and Education system is based on the needs of the community.

The services and the system are accessible, well-managed and quality-based with diverse sources of funding and support.

Ready Early Care and Education is intentional in its engagement of all cultural, racial and socio-economic aspects of the community.



## Ready Schools

### Ready Schools Team Purpose (Calhoun County):

Develop coordinated systems that bridge the gap between early childhood programs and the K-12 schools to ensure success for all children.

### Ready Schools Team Definition (Calhoun County):

In a Ready School **ALL** children succeed.

#### A Ready School:

- Maintains a consistent focus on learning
- Is safe and orderly
- Has clear expectations and goals
- Is welcoming and sensitive to the needs of children and their families.

#### The Ready School staff:

- Are led by strong and effective administrators
- Use data and results to drive learning, instruction and decision-making
- Use proven teaching methods at all times



## Ready Communities

### Ready Communities Team Purpose (Calhoun County):

Inform & engage the community to support the interwoven connections between a strong community and early childhood.

### Ready Communities Team Definition (Calhoun County):

A Ready Community is a community that is strong and vibrant, celebrating all aspects of diversity in both people and leadership.

In a Ready Community, children are a priority and the needs of the whole child are recognized and supported. Families feel safe, connected, supported, nurtured and empowered.