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## Three ways early childhood educators can support young children and their caregivers during the COVID-19 health crisis

The latest installment in our REL Midwest remote learning blog series provides strategies and resources that educators can use to support early learners and their caregivers at home.

[Read more](#) ➔ [View all REL COVID-19 resources](#) ➔

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## New video: Integrating play into early literacy instruction

Our latest video shows how to use play-based learning to implement research-based literacy practices from the What Works Clearinghouse. The video focuses on preschool and kindergarten classrooms, but many of the practices are appropriate for use at home as well. A viewing guide is also available.

[Read more](#) ➔

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## Resource roundup: Competency-based education, online learning, and credit recovery

Competency-based education, often used in online learning and credit recovery, enables students to learn and advance at their own pace. Browse these REL resources to learn more.

[Read more](#) ➔

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## Setting goals to stay on track: Using a continuous improvement process to strengthen credit recovery and high school graduation rates

REL Midwest has teamed up with the Minnesota Department of Education and four alternative learning centers to improve competency-based credit recovery and high school graduation rates.

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## Assessing district literacy needs: Coaching to turn data into action

Find out how REL Midwest worked with the Ohio Department of Education to collect, analyze, and act on data about district reading plans.

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## New training and coaching resources page

REL Midwest provides training and coaching to build educators' capacity to understand and use research in policy and practice. Now you can easily browse these resources on our Training and Coaching page.

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## Ask A REL

Have an education research question? The Ask A REL reference desk service provides free research citations and references in response to education questions submitted from the field.

[Submit a question](#) ➔

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## Upcoming events

- **June 4, 2020: Using Assessments to Identify and Address COVID-19 Learning Gaps, REL Central Webinar** (12:00–12:45 p.m. MT). [Register](#)
- **June 11, 2020: Personalizing Instruction to Address COVID-19 Learning Gaps, REL Central Webinar** (12:00–12:45 p.m. MT). [Register](#)

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### Contact Us

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