Overview of *Professional Learning Community: Emergent Literacy*

Module 2: Phonological Awareness

What Is Phonological Awareness?

- The understanding that speech can be broken down into parts, or units of sound, and the ability to manipulate those parts.

- An auditory or oral skill that does not involve reading letters or words.

- Children listen, speak, point, and gesture during phonological awareness instruction and practice.
Why Is Phonological Awareness Important?

✓ It is directly related to reading ability.

✓ It builds children’s capacity to learn phonics, once phonics is introduced in later grades.

✓ It is a foundational skill for reading.
  ✓ It is associated with achievement in decoding in later grades.

✓ It is included in state standards.

The Important “P Words”

• **Phonological awareness**

• **Phonemic awareness**

• **Print knowledge**

• **Phonics**

• **Alphabetic principle**
Units of Language

- Units refer to a sound structure of language that can be manipulated in phonological awareness tasks.

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Video 2: Phonological Awareness Continuum
**Collaborate and Practice**

**Word Level**

**Syllable Level**

**Onset-Rime Level**

**Phoneme Level**

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