

# Leaps and Bounds: How Early Learning Supports the "Mississippi Miracle"

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# Upcoming GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinars:

## FUNDER-TO-FUNDER CONVERSATION

Early School Success: Bolstering the Early Learning Workforce  
Tuesday, November 21, 12:30-2 p.m. ET/9:30–11 a.m. PT

## LEARNING LOSS RECOVERY CHALLENGE

B-flation: New Data Reveals Parent-Teacher Disconnect on Student Learning  
Tuesday, November 21, 3–4:30 p.m. ET/12–1:30 p.m. PT

## PEER EXCHANGE LEARNING CONVERSATION

What Happens (or Doesn't Happen) in One Generation Affects the Next: 2Gen Strategies for Alleviating Poverty  
(Part 3: Income Supports and Economic Opportunity)  
Tuesday, November 28, 3–4:30 p.m. ET/12–1:30 p.m. PT

