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ALLIANCE FOR READY STUDENTS

**STROLLING THUNDER**<sup>TM</sup>  
Georgia

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Dear X:

Thank you for registering for the *Strolling Thunder* virtual advocacy training **on Thursday, February 3rd from 6:30-8:00 PM**. Advocacy for young children may look different these days, but it is no less important!

By attending *Strolling Thunder*, you'll get to share the joys and challenges of raising infants and toddlers with elected officials and influence policies and programs that affect the next generation. **It's time to take your seat at the table.**

Please keep reading this page for important information. We hope you enjoy the items included in this box. If possible, we would love your little one to wear their onesie/shirt to the event!

Lastly, those who attend the event will receive **a \$20 Visa gift card** via email as a thank you for your participation. We will talk more about this at the event.

Best,

Mindy Binderman, Executive Director  
GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students

## **PRIOR TO THE EVENT: THINGS TO KNOW**

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Following a brief introduction, the first 10 minutes of this event will feature entertainment from Alliance Theatre for young children. **We invite your little one to join you for this part of the event!**

During the rest of the event, **you will need the materials in this packet** as we will be writing letters to your legislators. Please don't feel the need to review or start writing your letters ahead of time, we'll do it then!

We will be using Zoom for the event. **Be on the lookout for an email with the link to join prior to the event.**

A couple tips to make sure technology runs smoothly:

- Plan for an on-time start at 6:30 PM and to fully participate in the event throughout the scheduled time. We suggest you log on **five minutes prior** to ensure you're properly connected.
- You will need a reliable internet connection and access to your device's video, audio, and keyboard.
- We strongly suggest you use **a laptop or desktop computer** if possible. If you do not have access to such a device, please download the Zoom app on your phone or tablet prior to the event.
- **If you have problems connecting or do not receive an email, please contact Madison Ford at [mford@geears.org](mailto:mford@geears.org) for assistance.**



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## AFTER THE EVENT: NEXT STEPS

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Thank you for attending the event! Make sure to complete these steps after the event to make sure your voice is heard!

- 1) Please finish writing your letters and make sure to sign your name!
- 2) **Fold both letters and put in the same pre-stamped, pre-addressed envelope** included in this packet. Feel free to put your own address as the return address.
- 3) **Drop it off** at a USPS location or mailbox. We must receive the letter **by February 18th, 2022, for you to receive the additional \$10 VISA gift card** (this is in addition to the \$20 VISA gift card for attending the event).
- 4) We will make sure that your legislators get the letters!
- 5) In addition to dropping off the letter, **you must complete the follow-up form** found in your follow-up email or at [www.geears.org/StrollingThunder2022](http://www.geears.org/StrollingThunder2022) by February 18th, 2022, to receive the additional \$10 stipend. This form asks for photos that we can share with your legislators and on social media to advocate for everyone to make their potential Georgia's priority!
- 6) Gift cards will be sent out via the email that you registered with by February 25th. You will receive an email from GEEARS letting you know that the gift card has been sent.

Make sure you are signed up for GEEARS' list to stay up-to-date on opportunities to make your voice heard by going to: [www.geears.org/subscribe](http://www.geears.org/subscribe)