

The University of Utah **College of Social Work & College of Education** Present

# Phonics & America's Early Literacy Crisis

Part of the **Grand Challenges for Social Work** Lecture Series

**Friday, September 6, 2024**

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (MST)

Okazaki Community Meeting Room (SW 155),

College of Social Work

395 South 1500 East, Salt Lake City



When a child can't read, their chances of incarceration, homelessness, and unemployment increase. That's why Oakland-based activist Kareem Weaver believes literacy is one of the greatest civil rights issues of our time and is working toward better reading instruction. The documentary "**The Right to Read**"—the latest film by award-winning filmmaker and College of Social Work alumna Jenny Mackenzie—shares the stories of Weaver, a teacher, and two American families who fight to provide our youngest generation with the most foundational indicator of life-long success: the ability to read.

The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion with the filmmaker and College of Education experts on the science of reading.

**Free and open to the public**  
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2 Free NASW-endorsed social work CEUs (anticipated)

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