## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL READINESS SUMMIT

## Can You Hear Me Now? -

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Attendees will learn the connection between how the sounds we hear and speak make up the words we learn to read. This session introduces components to help students recognize the way their mouth feels and looks when producing sounds. This practice will help them connect speech to print. We will briefly discuss how Sound Walls can be incorporated in the classroom.

Resources

• <u>LETRS</u> (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling)



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