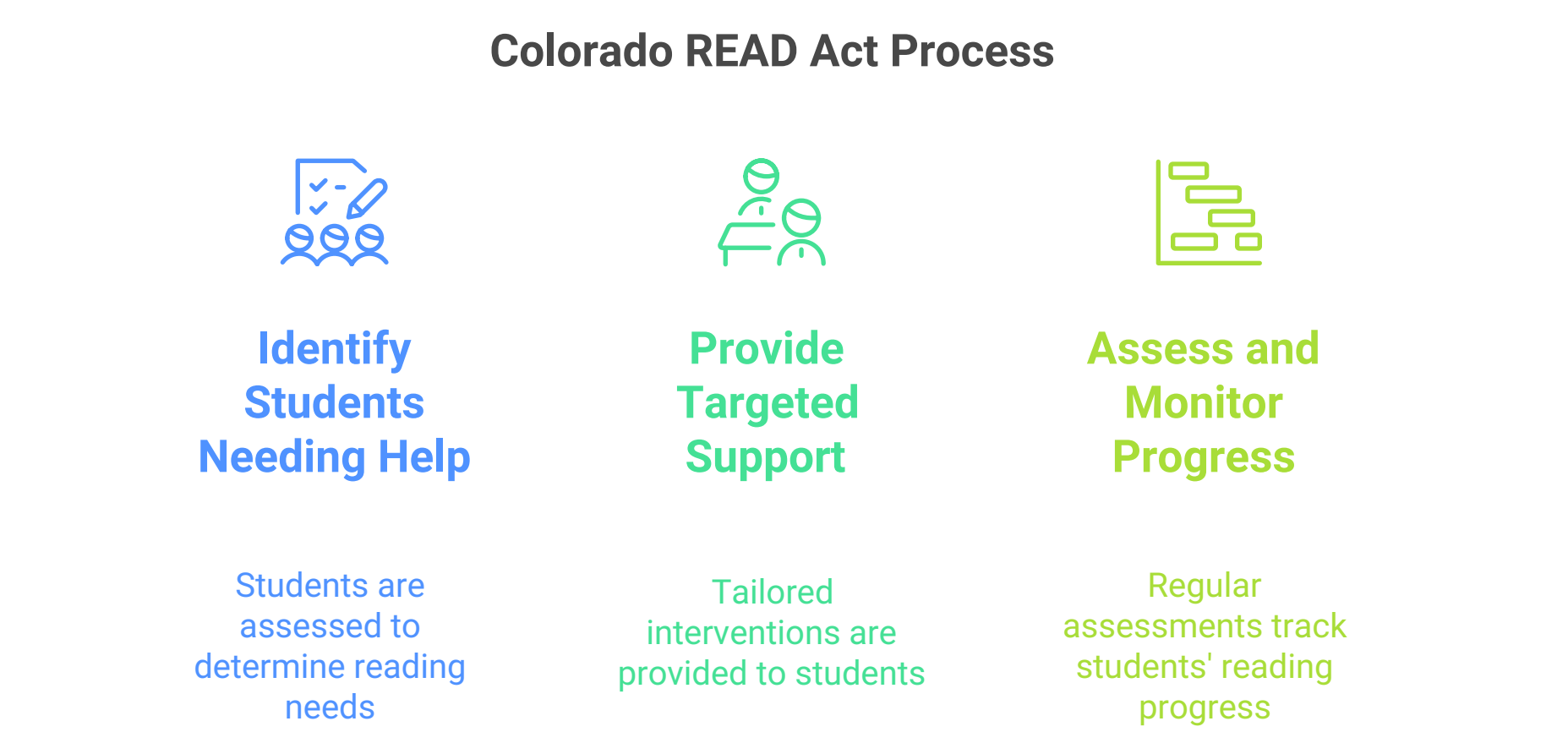


Colorado READ Act: What Parents Need to Know

The **Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act** helps young students develop strong reading skills. It provides support for students who are identified with a **Significant Reading Deficiency (SRD)** to ensure they become confident and successful readers.

What is the Colorado READ Act?

- **State Law for Early Literacy:** The READ Act was passed in 2012 to improve reading achievement for students in kindergarten through third grade.
- **Focus on Early Intervention:** It identifies students who need extra help with reading and provides targeted support.
- **Assessment & Monitoring:** Schools use assessments to check students' reading skills and track their progress.



What is a Significant Reading Deficiency (SRD)?

- **Definition:** A student has an SRD if they score below grade level on the **Dibels 8** reading assessment.
- **Early Identification:** Students are tested to see if they need extra reading support.
- **Personalized Reading Plan:** If a student has an SRD, their teacher creates a **READ Plan** to help them improve.

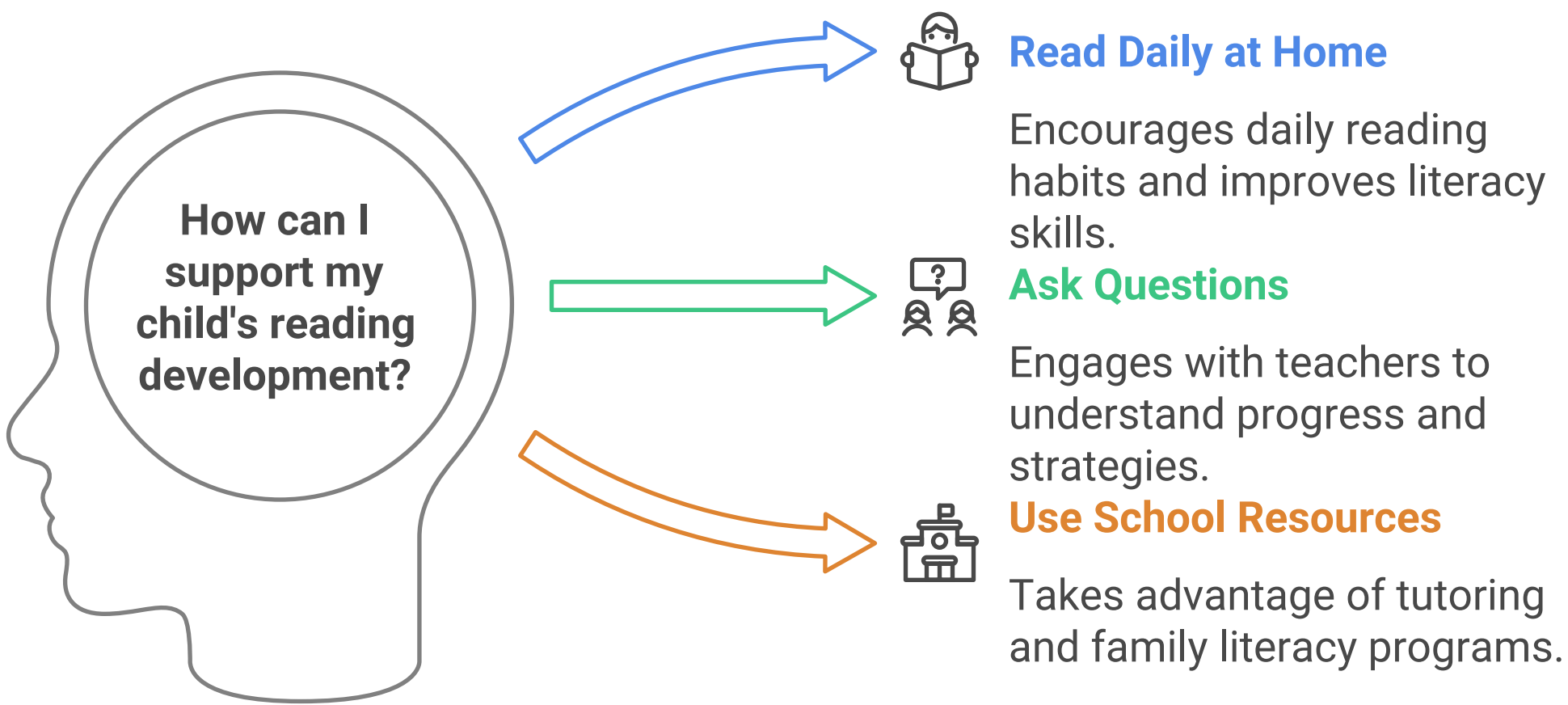
What is a READ Plan?

- **Individualized Support:** A READ Plan outlines strategies and interventions to help a student improve reading skills.
- **Parent Involvement:** Parents are encouraged to work with teachers to support reading at home.
- **Regular Progress Checks:** Schools track students' progress and adjust the plan as needed.

How Does the READ Act Help My Child?

- **Extra Support at School:** Students receive small-group instruction, specialized reading programs, and one-on-one support.
- **High-Quality Teaching:** Teachers use research-based strategies to improve reading skills.
- **Funding for Schools:** The state provides funding to schools to support literacy programs and teacher training.

What Can Parents Do?



When is a Student No Longer on a READ Plan?

- **Meeting Grade-Level Expectations:** A student exits the READ Plan when they show strong reading skills at grade level.
- **Ongoing Support if Needed:** Even after leaving the READ Plan, teachers continue to monitor progress.

Why is Early Reading Important?

- **Strong Readers Do Better in School:** Reading is the foundation for success in all subjects.
- **Prepares for Future Learning:** Students who struggle with reading early on may face challenges in later grades.
- **Builds Confidence:** Helping students become strong readers boosts their self-esteem and motivation to learn.

The Colorado READ Act ensures that every child gets the support they need to become a successful reader. If your child has a READ Plan, you are an essential part of their success!

Work with your child’s school to help them develop a love for reading.

