



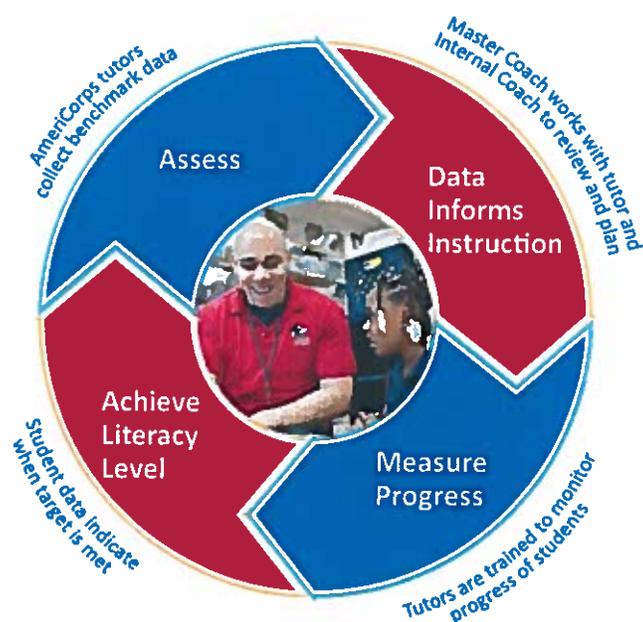
# Reading Corps Accelerates Student Success

## A scalable solution for reading proficiency

Reading Corps is a breakthrough program that is changing academic outcomes for thousands of students. With nearly 2,000 tutors serving in 12 states and Washington, D.C., Reading Corps is helping more than 40,000 children each year become successful readers. It combines the power of national service with literacy science to deliver proven approaches that help struggling learners transform into confident students – something that translates into all areas of their lives.

## Reaching more high-need children

Reading Corps began in 2003, serving just 250 children. Since then, the program has helped over 170,000 struggling readers, age 3 to grade 3, get ready for Kindergarten and on track for third grade reading. Because Reading Corps tutors are in the schools on a full-time (in most cases) or part-time basis, they are providing consistent, daily tutoring, which is the reason why this model has a greater impact on student success. As the largest AmeriCorps tutoring program in the country, it has the capacity to move the needle on improving third grade reading proficiency.



*"Of all the programs claiming to advance children's literacy, Reading Corps has the evidence."*

– Mary Hyde, Ph.D.  
Deputy Director  
Research and Evaluation  
Corporation for National  
and Community Service

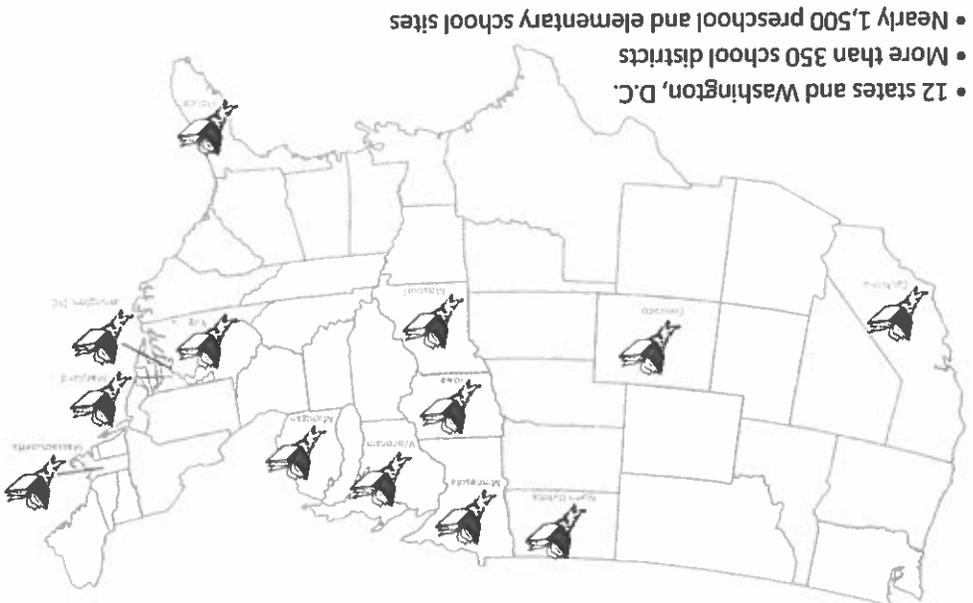
## Reading Corps is proven to work

Teachers and administrators say it is key to making sure their students are ready for Kindergarten and reading by third grade.

- Reading Corps students make greater gains.
  - Reading Corps is helping close the achievement gap. Students of color, students eligible for free and reduced lunch and English language learners are achieving outcomes equal to or better than their peers. In fact, those with higher risk factors actually made stronger gains.
  - After a single semester of tutoring, the average Kindergarten student with a Reading Corps tutor performed twice as well as students without one.
  - Reading Corps preschool participants are ready for Kindergarten. They surpassed their peers on all five early literacy measures.
- Reading Corps is effective in any setting – urban, suburban and rural.
- Reading Corps coaching makes the difference. Expert literacy coaching and data-based decision making ensure that AmeriCorps members are successful, regardless of their educational background.
- Reading Corps participants are three times less likely to be referred to special education than non-participants.

Combining expert coaching, evidence-based literacy strategies and daily reading practice make Reading Corps stand out from the rest.

## National Expansion Reaching More Than 40,000 Students



### Why invest?

#### Reading Corps is getting results.

A study by NORC at the University of Chicago shows elementary schools and preschool programs that implement Reading Corps get significantly greater outcomes for their students than programs that do not have access to Reading Corps.

#### Reading Corps is helping close the achievement gap.

The study found that students of color, students eligible for free and reduced lunch, and English language learners are achieving outcomes equal to or better than their peers. In fact, those with higher risk factors actually made stronger gains.

#### Reading Corps is cost effective.

Reading Corps illustrates the power of an effective public-private partnership. From the beginning, individuals, businesses and nonprofits recognized the program's strengths and invested to leverage state and federal dollars. Because of this unique model, schools only provide in-kind coaching support; there is no cash commitment required. In addition, analysis by the Minneapolis Public Schools found that elementary students who received Reading Corps were nearly three times less likely to be referred for special education services. The savings to the state and schools was estimated at \$9 million annually.

#### Creating stronger communities through high returns on investment.

Studies show that by investing in quality early childhood literacy interventions, the whole community can anticipate a return of up to \$12 for every \$1 invested. With your help, we hope to give every child the gift of literacy and the opportunity to succeed. To learn more, visit [readingcorps.org](http://readingcorps.org).



*"Target is proud to partner with Reading Corps as part of our ongoing commitment to invest in innovative education programs that help keep children on the path to graduation."*

— Laysa Ward  
President of Community Relations  
Target



*"The Reading Corps' proven results and cost-effective model make this just the type of program that should be expanded to other states. I believe our schools would benefit from additional 'people power' to assist them in accelerating students' progress."*

— Terry Branstad  
Governor of Iowa

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**Our Vision:** All children will become proficient readers by third grade, to have the skills they need to thrive in school and life.