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Building Communities that Support Children's Reading

Community-Based Components

- **Read Alongs:** Held at the schools, community centers, or community libraries for children 0-4 and 5-8.
- **Little Libraries:** Little Libraries will be placed in each community. A Little Library is a location where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share if they have one.
- **Reading and Outreach:** Public service announcement (PSAs) placed in print and electronic media outlets, as well as brochures placed throughout the community.
- **Community Reading Nights:** One-hour reading blocks with follow-up discussions and book distribution for all community members of all ages.
- **School and Community-Based Tutoring:** Small group (3-4 students) tutoring will be offered at each targeted school, to over 12,000 students over 2 years.



School-Based Components

Regional coordinators will work with school administrators to determine critical areas for enhancing reading instruction in a particular school or district and to address professional development needs focused on literacy.

- **Book Distribution:** Class sets of books and instructional packets with multiple options per grade level are available for checkout.
- **Reading Achievement and Readiness:** Analysis of state standardized testing; reporting of assessment data.
- **Needs Assessment:** Collaboration with district personnel to identify areas of need for supporting student literacy development.

Parent-Based Components

- **Book Distribution:** Take home books with activity packets based on books for each reading component, for all age groups.
- **Monthly 'help your kids read' workshops:** Parent training will be held in each district on a monthly basis. Workshops will be broken down by age group (Pre-K, K-3, grades 4-6).
- **Understanding Your Child's Assessment Scores:** A 4th workshop will help parents understand what reading achievement scores mean and how they might support their child's reading success.

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Classroom Book Sets

Teachers have access to a variety of fiction and informational classroom book sets selected to address rigorous college and career readiness skills.

- **Materials available for K-3, 4-6, and 7-12:** Each set comes complete with high quality curriculum unit plans and additional resources appropriate for a specific grade level. For a complete list of books available, visit the bcscr.3riversed.org website. Select the 'Schools' tab and then the 'Unit Plans' link. All unit plans are available for free download.

Contact your regional BCSCR coordinator to schedule a time to utilize these resources with your students. Your coordinator will deliver the book set directly to your school site and retrieve the set 6-8 weeks later.

Project Goals

By the end of the funding period, in comparison to 2014 baseline:

- 40% of participating 4-year-old children will achieve significant gains in oral language skills;
- the percentage of 3rd-grade, 8th-grade, and high school students who meet or exceed proficiency of State reading or language arts assessments will increase by 15 percentage points;
- the percentage of parents who report reading with their children will increase by 25 percentage points; and
- 65% of teachers will indicate improvements in their reading instruction as a result of professional development as evidenced by school- and classroom-based assessments