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Building Communities that Support Children's Reading

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Project Overview: *Building Communities that Support Children's Reading* is a \$10.8 million project focused on improving children's literacy throughout New Mexico, southern Colorado, northeast Arizona, and El Paso, Texas. It comprises a variety of approaches to help increase children's literacy:

School-based strategies: Curriculum integration, Professional development, Book distribution, Achievement data analysis

Community-based strategies: Family read-along events, Little Free Libraries, Reading outreach, Community night reading, Reading and language arts tutoring

Parent-based strategies: Book distribution, Parent workshops

Regional Coordinators: The key to reaching this goal is the 16 regional coordinators who coordinate implementation in their local communities and schools.

School-Based Responsibilities

1. Work with school administrators and education center staff members to determine critical areas for enhancing reading instruction and to determine teachers who will benefit most from additional professional development.
2. Set up quarterly professional development sessions for teachers (other consultants will provide the trainings).
3. Help distribute and collect classroom book sets and accompanying activity packets, and track their placement and distribution.

Tutoring Implementation

1. Conduct outreach through local media outlets, schools, community organizations.
2. Sign-up children for tutoring, solicit area teachers to serve as tutors, assign children to tutors.
3. Identify and select reading tutors, and provide oversight and tracking of tutoring activities.
4. Facilitate initial, follow-up, and final tutor trainings.
5. Collect student data and deliver to project director.
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Communities Reading Outreach

1. Facilitate monthly “help your kids read” parent workshops, (once monthly per district)
2. Collaborate with school and community librarians to set up children’s semi-weekly read-alongs and instructional activities and to distribute books and reading activities to attending families.
3. Collaborate with district and community stakeholders to identify locations for Little Free Libraries; gain assistance with construction, placement, and stocking.
4. Collaborate with school and community library staffs to set up and monitor community reading blogs (to be hosted for free), and with local stakeholders to provide rewards to children for participating.

For more information please contact Three Rivers Education Foundation at 505-436-2548. The application is available on our website at <http://3RiversEd.org>.