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Reading Recovery Recognized as “Bright Spot” by Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

As part of the national Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, Reading Recovery is featured as a “Bright Spot” program in the Quality Teaching category. The Campaign, spearheaded by the Annie E Casey Foundation, is a collaborative effort by dozens of funders across the nation to draw attention to proven programs with strong evidence of effectiveness and rigorous data collection. <http://www.gradelevelreading.net/bright-spots/bright-spot-programs>

For more than 25 years in the U.S., Reading Recovery has been the safety net for the lowest-achievers in first grade. After a full series of one-to-one lessons with a specially trained teacher, 75% of children reach grade-level standard. With good classroom teaching, most continue to achieve with their average classmates.

“The Reading Recovery community is proud to be named in the Quality Teaching category,” said Jady Johnson, executive director of the Reading Recovery Council of North America. “In Reading Recovery, we know that each child brings strengths and skills and can accelerate their progress if they have the opportunity to work short-term with a specially trained teacher.”

Because of their deep understanding of literacy learning, Reading Recovery-trained teachers become the literacy experts for their schools and districts. Trained teachers typically work for part of the day in Reading Recovery and the other part day in another role. Each year the typical Reading Recovery trained teacher works with 8 first-grade Reading Recovery students and about 40 other students.

Reading Recovery’s strong research and evaluation evidence is widely recognized by independent rating agencies and the federal government.

- In 2007 and 2008, the Institute of Education Sciences What Works Clearinghouse awarded high ratings for research across four areas of reading including alphabets, fluency, comprehension, and general reading achievement.
- In July 2010, the National Center on Response to Intervention listed Reading Recovery on its site and reported large gains based on a 2005 study by researcher Robert Schwartz.

- In October 2010, The Ohio State University received a \$46 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education to dramatically expand Reading Recovery and scale up implementation across the nation.

Learn more about:

The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading see: <http://www.gradelevelreading.net/>

Reading Recovery: <http://readingrecovery.org>

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