



Colorado Reading Corps IMPACT REPORT

2018-2019 END-OF-YEAR

Colorado Reading Corps-All Districts



Number of Active Tutors

Active Reading Corps Members

59



Number of School Sites

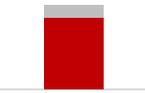
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Number of Students Served

Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

1,328



Students above Target Growth

Student exceeding target growth is on pace to close their achievement gap.

839



Percent Students above Target Growth

Number of students above target growth/number of students served.

68%



Total Tutoring Hours

28,813



Program Fidelity Rate

Percentage of accuracy for both interventions and assessments implemented

97%



“The program is an invaluable resource for us. With Reading Corps, we are able to provide one-on-one reading support for students who are a little behind in reading but not far enough behind to qualify for other support services. We can support students before they start to really struggle and begin to dislike reading.” 2018-2019 teacher at partnering site

Other Accomplishments

- AmeriCorps member retention increased to 89% this year. A shift in hours (from 1700 per year to 1200 per year) was seen favorably by members, as it shortened the term of service to 10 months and allowed for school holidays to be taken without finding additional service projects to accumulate more hours.
- The largest gains in readings were seen in kindergarten and third grade (78% exceeded target growth rates), and the lowest in second grade (54% exceeded target growth rates). Our evaluation partners in Minnesota are looking into why second grade is seeing lower growth, though initial analysis shows that students take longer to transition to more comprehension-based skills required in second grade.
- Students exceeding target growth rates were highest in Northern Colorado, specifically Larimer County, at 81%. Staff members and evaluation partners in Minnesota are digging deeper into the data to identify trends and understand what can be learned from these larger gains.

Looking Ahead

- Changes in the Read Act will result in Colorado more strictly monitoring how dollars are spent to support struggling readers. We hope these changes will benefit CYC and the Colorado Reading Corps program, since it is evidence-based and boasts strong results in helping students gain more than a year of growth in reading.
- The Colorado Reading Corps program will have a similar footprint in the 2019-2020 school year with programming in Metro Denver (Aurora, Jeffco, Adams 12, Englewood, and Brighton 27J) and Northern Colorado (Loveland, Greeley/Evans and Estes Park).
- We'll be piloting a new intervention this fall that includes more manipulatives, targeting first and second grade students. Called Word Construction, it helps students transition to more comprehension-based skills. It will be implemented in 20 schools during the first year.

More Information Coming Soon

- This fall, CYC is expecting a full report from Minnesota Reading Corps that outlines in more detail growth rates by grade. Late fall will also bring our 3rd party evaluation report that compares students who received interventions this past year to those who did not. This report will shed light into where the program is making the biggest impact and where there are opportunities to make an even bigger impact for kids.



“My current 8th graders are the first group of students to go through the Reading Corps program. When I look at some of these readers now, I am amazed by their growth and achievement in the middle school literacy classroom. It is exciting, knowing they struggled as young students and now are model students for my primary students.” 2018-2019 Internal Coach at partnering site



“We could not meet the reading needs of our students without Reading Corps. Our tutor has such great relationships with our teachers and students. We value her expertise and see the growth that the students she works with are making. Students and the tutor are celebrated in our community. Parents fight to get their students into the program.” 2018-2019 Internal Coach at partnering site