



Reading Recovery® Council  
of North America

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## **White House Livestream to Feature Reading Recovery® in MBK What Works Showcase**

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**COLUMBUS, OH** — Attorney Dante Marshall, one of the first children in the U.S. to receive Reading Recovery lessons, will join Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA) President Lindy Harmon and Executive Director Jady Johnson at the White House Eisenhower Executive Office Building on Monday, October 17 for a special presentation.

President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) initiative and the White House Office of Social Innovation are hosting the event, along with the U.S. Department of Education, Campaign for Black Male Achievement, Laura and John Arnold Foundation, and Results for America.

The interactive MBK What Works Showcase will feature a diverse selection of evidence-based program models and interventions that address the seven core tenets of the MBK initiative. White House officials, federal agency representatives, foundations, nonprofits, private sector, and members of the media will learn about and interact with over 30 programs and interventions from across the country with rigorous, third-party evidence of positive results across MBK’s cradle-to-college-and-career-goals.

**Mr. Marshall has been invited to share his Reading Recovery story in a “What Works in Action” panel discussion. The White House will livestream the program from 9:30 am-12:15 pm ET on Monday, October 17, at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/live>. Afternoon exhibits will offer a chance to interact with and learn more about the showcase participants.**

As the President said when he launched MBK in 2014, the initiative is about “building on what works – when it works, in those critical life-changing moments.”

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**About the MBK Initiative**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/my-brothers-keeper>

**About Reading Recovery**

More than 2.3 million struggling first-grade readers and writers in North America have benefitted from the one-to-one teaching expertise of Reading Recovery professionals. The intervention, introduced to North America in 1984 by educators at The Ohio State University, has more research proving its effectiveness than any other beginning reading program.

Findings from "one of the most ambitious and well-documented expansions of an instructional program in U.S. history" show the \$55 million Investing in Innovation (i3) scale-up of Reading Recovery was highly successful.

<http://readingrecovery.org/reading-recovery/research/effectiveness/i3-scale-up-evaluation>

**About the Reading Recovery Council of North America**

The Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA) is a not-for-profit association of Reading Recovery professionals and partners. The Council provides a network of professional development opportunities and is an advocate for Reading Recovery in the United States and Canada. Based in Worthington, OH, RRCNA is celebrating 20 years of dedicated service to Reading Recovery and early literacy professionals.

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