



Reading Recovery
Community

CONSIDER YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT WHEN CALCULATING COSTS

Reading Recovery comes with a price tag — all interventions do. But the complexity of cost analysis is problematic in education. When calculating the cost of Reading Recovery, consider your return on investment.

Reading Recovery works! With more than 35 years of data in the U.S. and with scientific evidence acknowledged by the What Works Clearinghouse, we know that Reading Recovery is cost effective with the lowest literacy achievers in Grade 1 — in a short period of time.

Reading Recovery is an investment in teacher expertise!

All schools invest in professional development for teachers, but few actually connect the training to student outcomes. No other educational intervention has a more powerful investment in teaching than Reading Recovery. The intensive initial and ongoing professional development builds capacity for continuous problem solving for the most-challenging literacy learners.

Reading Recovery yields benefits to the whole school!

As a systemic approach to early literacy intervention, the school gains a powerful assessment system for young children and highly skilled literacy teachers. These teachers increase the schools' capacity to identify, analyze, and solve problems related to literacy learning.



TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE RETURNS ON INVESTMENT

Among the tangible returns of Reading Recovery are reduced retentions in grade level and reductions in long-term placement in special education, Title I, and other compensatory programs. Reading Recovery data also show that achievement gaps are reduced for low-income and minority groups.

Consider the many intangible returns on investment.

- The benefits to each successful reader and writer are incalculable, leading to academic progress, self-esteem, and self-efficacy.
- Classroom teachers work with children who have fewer literacy difficulties and have a colleague with whom to collaborate about individual children.
- School literacy teams are strengthened as they problem solve literacy difficulties of individuals.
- Parents express gratitude for the opportunity for their child to be in Reading Recovery.

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