



CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

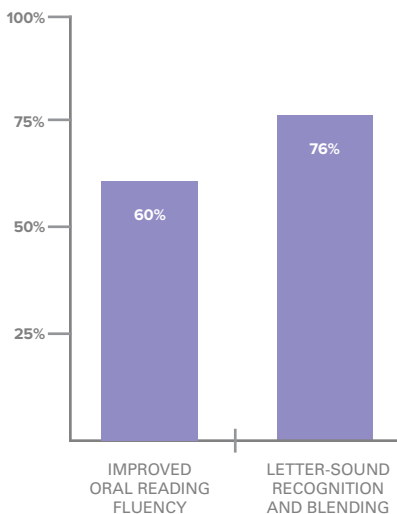
Clinton, AR

The Clinton School District invited kindergarten through 3rd grade students who were behind in reading to participate in a three week summer program. In addition to intensive reading instruction, the program also included social-emotional learning based on the Muttigrees curriculum designed around empathy for animals. A dog participated in the program as a partner for reluctant readers. Partnering with the district on the program were the Van Buren County Library providing enrichment activities and the Van Buren County School Based Mental Health providing personnel training.

Outcomes



Comparing DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) from the end of the school year and end of the summer program, **60%** of students moved up one proficiency level in oral reading fluency and **76%** improved in letter-sound recognition and blending.

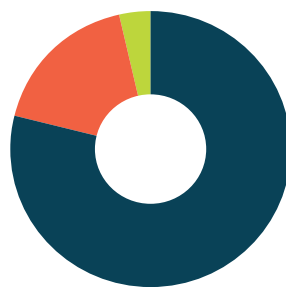


One Family's Story



The Van Buren County Library was a collaborative partner of the summer program. After the program ended one student encouraged her mom to take her to the weekly programming offered at the library. The family was new to the library and learned about preschool programming for a younger sibling and adult education classes for mom. They ended the summer as a family of enthusiastic library patrons.

Funding



- ARKANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
\$22,478
- CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (MCKINNEY-VENTO)
\$5,000
- CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (NSLA)
\$1,000

