IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

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HELPING STUDENTS READ BETTER AND LEARN MORE

The Iowa Reading Research Center provides comprehensive support for all aspects of literacy education, using practices aligned with the science of reading. We provide resources for families, deliver professional learning for educators, and conduct research and evaluation studies, all of which are intended to foster student success and achievement.

RESOURCES

From the time students begin learning to read and write and beyond, the Iowa Reading Research Center supports them and their families. Our Caregivers Resource Hub provides eLearning modules and resources families can use to support their children's literacy development. Our applications and tools provide educators, caregivers, and students with resources for handwriting instruction and assessment, fidelity of implementation measurement, teacher-parent communication, instructional recommendations, classwide interventions, and science of reading knowledge assessment.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

With consultation services, webinars, online toolkits and professional development opportunities like our annual Iowa Science of Reading Summit, we are dedicated to providing high-quality professional learning on evidence-based literacy instruction and intervention. Through graduate-level courses and practicum experiences, the Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement program prepares teachers to support the needs of students with dyslexia. The Iowa Reading Research Center also offers professional development anytime, anywhere through its eLearning. Modules on literacy instructional topics and more are free to all Iowa educators and students.

RESEARCH

Driven by educators' needs, our literacy research and evaluation studies identify effective methods to teach and assess literacy skills. This work guides data-based decision-making practices and informs high-quality professional learning for educators. Our findings also provide guidance for school districts and inform literacy legislation and policy. Within the rich academic environment of the University of Iowa College of Education, the Iowa Reading Research Center is equipped to pursue new research projects that stem from the science of reading.

650

teachers and administrators registered for the 2025 Iowa Science of Reading Summit

39,000+

pre-service and in-service Iowa educators completed the Dyslexia Overview module

2,610

attendees at district professional development presentations from our team in the past year

190

non-district presentations from our team to provide professional development in the past year