

RAISING A READER
AT
FAYETTEVILLE STATE
UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION
AND
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND
SCIENCES



INFORMATION ABOUT
RAISING A READER



The goal of the project is to increase the literacy of children by improving reading readiness of children in Birth to pre-K early childhood programs so that reading achievement gaps between children at risk (predominantly minority and economically disadvantaged groups) and their peers are reduced. We have received funding from the United Way of Cumberland County and Target Stores for the initial pilot studies conducted at the Fayetteville Technical Community College Children's and the Cumberland County Schools Even Start program.

The funds are being used primarily to purchase the Raising a Reader kits that include books, bags, educational DVDs for families, and teacher training resource manuals. Pre-and post-surveys were administered to parents at the early childhood centers. Support for three additional early childhood centers will be given.



The Raising a Reader (RAR) program, initially established from a non-profit organization in California, has been adopted by 24 states and 72 communities with great success. Based on the premise that when parent establish a reading routine with their children, family bonding time increases as well as the vocabulary and preliteracy skills of the children.



The School of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences conduct these workshops and through partnerships with the teachers at the Fayetteville Technical Community College, we will follow the Train the Trainer model and supporting select teachers at FTCC to assist their teachers at such underserved early childhood centers.



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