



THE LITERACY LAB

Strong Readers. Strong Futures.

Closing the literacy gap is the first step toward closing the achievement gap.

The need is urgent



6,600,000 children ages 0-8 across the country are currently on track for reading failure.



Children who do not read on grade level by 3rd grade are 4X less likely to graduate from high school on time.



Nearly 8 out of 10 low-income 4th graders across the country do not read proficiently.

The approach matters



Age 3 to grade 3: We intervene with children starting at age 3 and provide targeted literacy intervention when it matters most.



Individual attention: Our tutors work with children one-on-one to fill in gaps in foundational reading skills.



Full-time, **professional** tutors: We place highly trained tutors in schools to add capacity where it is needed.

Our response is critical

We address the literacy achievement gap through two complementary programs:

AmeriCorps Literacy Intervention: We train full-time early literacy tutors and embed them in schools with literacy gaps to ensure that every student is on track for success. Our tutors make a full-time commitment for a year and serve children from age 3 to grade 3.

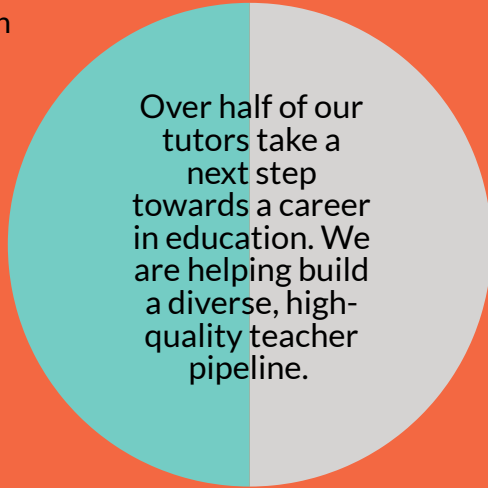
Leading Men Fellowship: An equitable early childhood education system requires a strong pipeline of diverse, qualified educators. We train young men of color to serve as paid literacy tutors in pre-K classes, driving Kindergarten readiness for children while creating opportunities for Fellows and diversifying the teacher pipeline.



Our Impact

94%

of pre-K participants make gains in Kindergarten readiness.

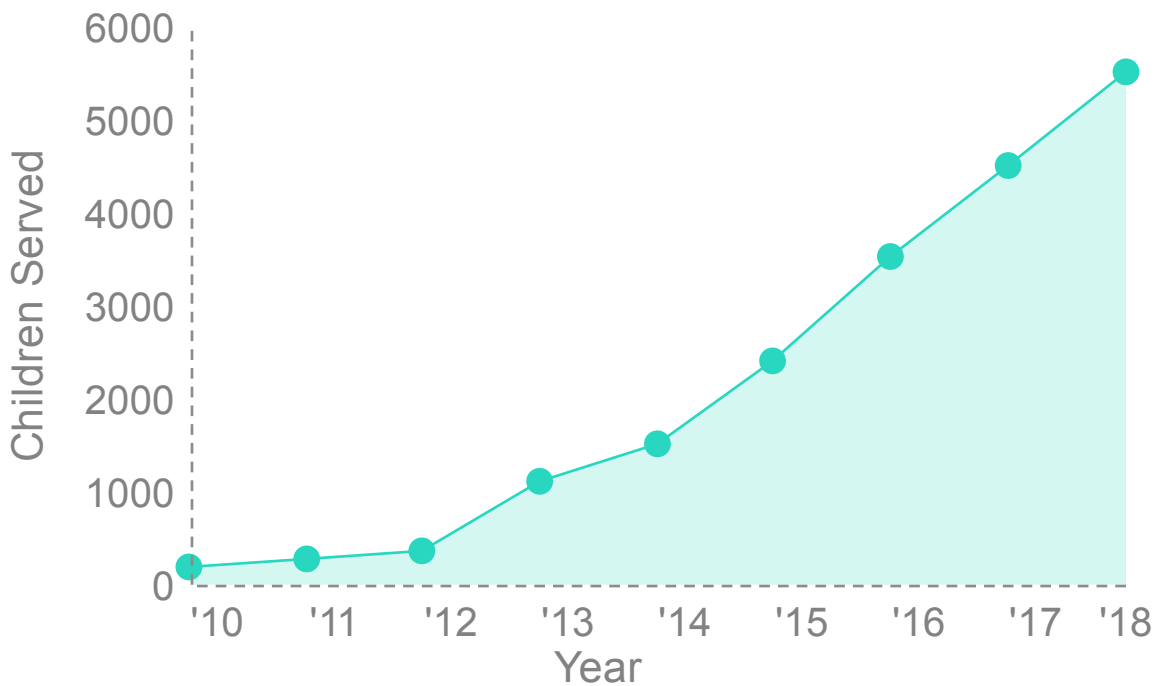


97% of principals agree that we make their school more successful by introducing research-based strategies.

79%

of Kindergarten participants narrowed their reading achievement gap with peers on grade level.

The Literacy Lab has grown quickly to meet the pressing need and will serve 5,500 children in 2018 in Washington, DC, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Virginia, and Wisconsin.



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