

INTERVENTION BRIEF

Future Forward Literacy Program with Effects on Attendance

Quick Description: Future Forward is an early literacy intervention that a large study shows improves the attendance of K through 3rd grade students (and not literacy). The program includes one-on-one tutoring and family engagement. The program used to be called SPARK.

Major Objectives:

To have all students reading at grade level by 3rd grade



Description of Steps and Activities:

- Designate a site manager who coordinates tutoring (tutors and teachers).
- Hire paraprofessionals for tutoring.
- Hire a Family Engagement Coordinator.
- Provide tutoring three times a week.
- Communicate with families at least twice a month, offer family events.

Program Details

Target Group	K through 3 rd grade students with low reading performance
Intervention Site	School and home
Dosage/Duration	Ongoing throughout the school year. At least three 30-minute tutoring sessions per week. Family communications at least twice a month and family events to promote engagement in home literacy activities.
Resources Required	See Personnel Required and Program Cost.
Personnel Required	Site manager (certified teacher who coordinates tutoring), hired family engagement coordinator, hired paraprofessionals for tutoring. Teachers who work with tutors on instruction content.
Program Cost	For 30 students, approximately \$2600 per student (includes curriculum, hired staff, trainings, professional development and help with fidelity).

What's the evidence for it? Evidence for ESSA rates the the program as having strong evidence with a small to medium effect on attendance (not on literacy or reading achievement).

Who has it been tested with? K through 3rd grade African American students, free and reduced lunch program participants in an urban setting.

Where to go for further information:

Information here is from the Evidence for ESSA site. For more:

<https://www.evidencefoessa.org/programs/attendance/future-forward-literacy-attendance>