

Washington Reading Corps

The mission of the Washington Reading Corps (WRC) is to improve reading abilities of young students across Washington through research-based tutoring of struggling readers and effective collaborations among schools, families, community members, national service, business and state partners. The WRC blends public, private and community resources to encourage and support struggling readers in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Initially created in response to the state's low reading scores, the WRC now serves a critical role as an intervention to address reading achievement goals of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Members serve in 73 elementary schools, 10 early learning centers and two community based organizations across the state. Members help build the capacity of local school reading programs by working with school staff to design or enhance a volunteer tutor program that is aligned with the school reading curriculum and overall school schedule. AmeriCorps members perform direct service tutoring one-on-one or in small groups to support struggling readers identified by each host school. AmeriCorps members work with schools to increase family involvement by planning and helping to coordinate activities such as family literacy events and take home reading tips and packets.

The program is administered through a partnership between the Washington Service Corps, a program of the Employment Security Department, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Counties Served:

Benton	Kitsap	Skamania
Chelan	Klickitat	Snohomish
Clallam	Lewis	Stevens
Clark	Mason	Thurston
Cowlitz	Okanogan	Walla Walla
Douglas	Pierce	Whatcom
Jefferson	San Juan	Yakima
King	Skagit	

Number of Members: 150 AmeriCorps Members

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