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REACH OUT AND READ OKLAHOMA NAMES OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS TO NATIONAL HONOR ROLL

Organization recognized for expanding equitable access to books, early literacy support, and healthy early relationships for Oklahoma families

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (Jan. 12, 2026) - [Reach Out and Read Oklahoma](#) proudly announces that the [Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness](#) (OPSR) has been named to the Reach Out and Read Honor Roll, a national recognition celebrating exceptional partners whose leadership strengthens early literacy, caregiver-child connection, and high quality pediatric care.

OPSR was nominated for its significant and far-reaching impact across Oklahoma, particularly for its role in expanding Reach Out and Read's evidence-based early literacy model into more communities, clinics, and systems of care statewide. OPSR has helped bring new momentum, coordination, and visibility to early literacy efforts at a crucial moment for Oklahoma families.

"The Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness played a pivotal role in advancing Reach Out and Read Oklahoma partnerships with Early Head Start by ensuring our project was included in the state's Preschool Development Grant," said Dr. Marny Dunlap, Medical Director for Reach Out and Read Oklahoma. "With OPSR's support, Reach Out and Read Oklahoma expanded its team, added rural clinics, and provided full book funding for 23 clinics, helping increase statewide capacity. OPSR also amplified our visibility through statewide communication. Their partnership has been transformative, enabling us to strengthen community connections and expand our impact for children and families across Oklahoma."

Reach Out and Read's approach is rooted in a powerful understanding that the pediatric exam room is one of the earliest and most trusted settings to support a child's development. During well-child visits from birth to age 5, clinicians introduce families to new, age-appropriate books and model simple shared-reading practices. These moments transform routine medical care into opportunities to build early language skills, strengthen caregiver-child bonds, and lay the foundation for lifelong learning.

In FY25, with the support of partners like OPSR, Reach Out and Read reached **4.8 million children** through **11.2 million well-child visits nationwide**, including **nearly 60,000 thousand**

families across Oklahoma. Honor Roll members are nominated by Reach Out and Read staff and medical leaders for making a sustained, meaningful difference through funding, advocacy, partnership, or community impact. OPSR is one of just 23 organizations across the country to be selected for the 2025 Honor Roll.

To learn more about Reach Out and Read Oklahoma and its impact visit ReachOutandRead.org/Oklahoma.

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About Reach Out and Read: As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, Reach Out and Read leverages the near-universal reach of the pediatric well-child visit to support caregivers in fostering healthy relationships with their young children through shared reading. In FY25, Reach Out and Read served more than 4.8 million children and provided 9 million free books across 11.2 million well-child visits. Around 70 percent of the children Reach Out and Read serves are from low-income families. The only national pediatric literacy model endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Reach Out and Read serves children in every state across the U.S.,