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<b>Butte County Office of Education</b> Project Name: SPARKLE Project - Student Pre-K Acquisition of Reading Knowledge and Language Excellence Project Director: Heather Senske (530) 532-5763	CA	\$3,532,656
<b>Imperial County Office of Education</b> Project Name: Ready to Read Plus Project Director: Antonia Zupanich (760) 312-6533	CA	\$3,425,061
<b>Oakland Unified School District</b> Project Name: Smart Start Early Learning Program Project Director: Lynne Rodezno (510) 879-8328	CA	\$3,967,979
<b>Oxnard School District</b> Project Name: ERF OSD Early Literacy Project Project Director: Diane Wallace (805) 487-3918 ext. 202	CA	\$1,733,892
<b>Riverside County Office of Education</b> Project Name: Project READ Project Director: Raul Anthony Garcia (951) 826-4848	CA	\$3,298,475
<b>Catholic Charities, Inc. – Archdiocese of Hartford</b> Project Name: Connecticut is Reading First Project Director: Debbie Plourde (203) 235-2507	CT	\$3,113,058
<b>Eastern Connecticut State University</b> Project Name: Community Partners for Early Literacy Project Director: Maureen Ruby (860) 465-0659	CT	\$1,409,697
<b>Waterbury School District</b> Project Name: WE Read First Project Director: Paul Sequeira (203) 574-8005	CT	\$3,111,516

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<b>AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation</b> Project Name: DC Partnership for Early Literacy Project Director: Mary Anne Lesiak (202) 488-3990	DC	\$4,341,750
<b>Hope Community Charter School</b> Project Name: DC Early Success Project Director: Nicol Christie (202) 628-8848 ext. 134	DC	\$2,980,010
<b>The Committee for Academic Excellence</b> Project Name: LASER CAERS (Collaboration in Achieving Early Reading Success) Project Director: Candice Harris (813) 698-6360	FL	\$3,164,998
<b>The School Board of Broward County</b> Project Name: Building Language and Literacy Project Director: Claudia Dean (754) 321-1952	FL	\$4,022,728
<b>Wilkinson County Schools</b> Project Name: Great Beginnings Project Director: Barbara Lundy (478) 946-4225	GA	\$4,396,871
<b>Des Moines Independent Community School District</b> Project Name: Preparing Early Readers for Kindergarten (PERK) Project Director: Nancy Duey (515) 242-7588	IA	\$4,308,288
<b>University of Illinois at Chicago</b> Project Name: Achieving Preschool Language and Literacy Excellence (APPLE) Project Director: William Teale (312) 413-1423	IL	\$3,791,672
<b>Louisiana State University</b> Project Name: Project Recovery Project Director: Renée Casbergue (225) 578-6660	LA	\$3,607,577
<b>University of Southern Maine</b> Project Name: Early Literacy for Every Child Project Director: Susan Reed (207) 780-5825	ME	\$4,633,101
<b>Education Development Center</b> Project Name: LEADER - Lowell's Enhanced Approach for Developing Early Readers Project Director: Sheila Skiffington	MA	\$2,766,184

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(617) 969-7100		
<b>Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc.</b> Project Name: EStRELLA - Early Steps towards Reading, Education, Language & Literacy Acquisition Project Director: Gayle Williams (978) 681-4996	MA	\$3,976,257
<b>Grand Rapids Community College</b> Project Name: EARLY – Early Accent on Reading and Learning for Young Children Project Director: Rebecca Brinks (616) 234-4804	MI	\$4,494,866
<b>Western Michigan University</b> Project Name: Promising Beginnings Project Director: Esther Newlin-Haus (269) 387-0728	MI	\$4,024,946
<b>Rocky Boy School Districts 87-J&amp;L</b> Project Name: Rocky Boy Preschool Literacy Acquisition Coalition Project Director: Voyd St. Pierre (406) 395-4291	MT	\$2,251,690
<b>Addison Central School District</b> Project Name: BLAST Off– Build Literacy Awareness, Skills, and Training Project Director: Deborah Flint (607) 359-2261	NY	\$2,769,345
<b>North Dakota Department of Public Instruction</b> Project Name: MiND PLACE – Minot, North Dakota Preschool Literacy Acquisition Collaborative for Education Project Director: Gail Schauer (701) 328-2285	ND	\$5,601,655
<b>Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc.</b> Project Name: Project HOPE – Helping Oklahoma Preschoolers Excel Project Director: Ruthie Tate (580) 326-3351	OK	\$3,930,569
<b>School District of Lancaster</b> Project Name: Lancaster Early Reading First Project Director: Traci Scott (717) 291-6264	PA	\$2,781,482

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<b>The School District of Edgefield County</b> Project Name: PEACH – Partnership for Educational Achievement in Centers and Homes Project Director: Bridget Creel Clark (803) 275-1755	SC	\$3,948,791
<b>Hamilton County Department of Education</b> Project Name: Great Beginnings Early Literacy Initiative Project Director: Brenda Benford (423) 209-8563	TN	\$3,938,734
<b>Vanderbilt University</b> Project Name: Enhanced Language and Literacy Success (ELL Success) Project Director: David Dickinson (615) 343-4792	TN	\$3,421,324
<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b> Project Name: Supporting and Ensuring Early Language and Literacy Success (SEELLS) Project Director: Christopher Chin (804) 828-9942	VA	\$4,492,920
<b>Marquette University</b> Project Name: Wisconsin Reading Acquisition Program Project Director: Maura Moyle (414) 288-1408	WI	\$4,034,108