

Inadequate Stimulation

The average number of words the child would hear:

	3 Years
Welfare:	10,000,000
Working class:	20,000,000
Professional:	30,000,000

Hart & Risley, T.R. (1995)

Inadequate Language Development at Age 3

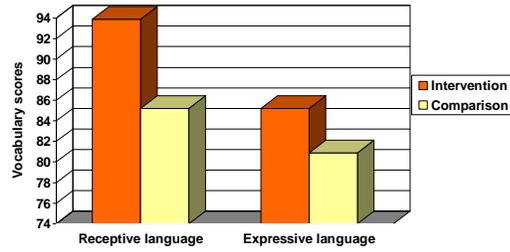
Professional:	1100 words
Working class:	700 words
Welfare:	500 words

RX: Reach Out and Read

- ### Evidence that ROR Works
- 13 Published Studies:
- Parent attitudes and reported behaviors
 - Parent-child observed behaviors
 - Child language (vocabulary) testing



Children's Expressive and Receptive Language Competencies

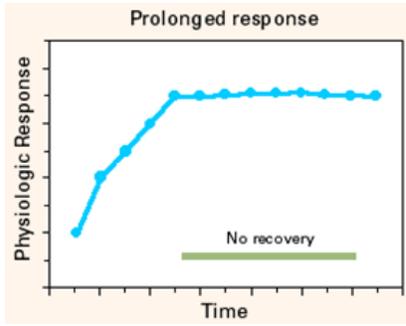


Mendelsohn, et al., 1995

Reach Out and Read Statistics

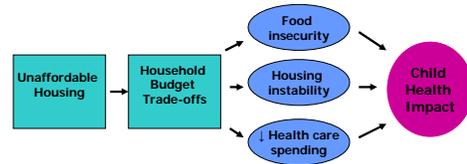
- Founded in 1989 at Boston City Hospital
- Over 4,000 sites
- Over 40,000 providers trained
- Over 3 million children from low-income families reached last year
- Over 5 million books distributed last year

Violence Exposure/Toxic Stress



Making Ends Meet?

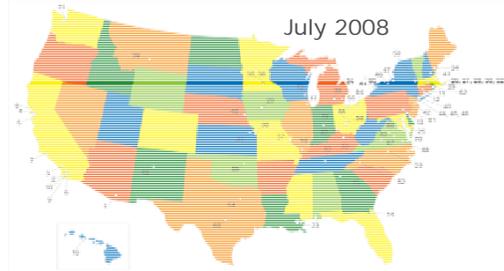
Low income families paying > 50% of income for rent spend **30% less on food & 70% less on health care**



The Medical Legal Partnership for Children

RAISING THE BAR FOR CHILD HEALTH

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20 clinical sites