AARP Foundation Experience Corps

Region 11 Expanded Learning Programs

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About AARP Foundation



AARP Foundation works to end senior poverty by helping vulnerable older adults build economic opportunity and social connectedness. As AARP's charitable affiliate, we serve AARP members and nonmembers alike. Bolstered by vigorous legal advocacy, we spark bold, innovative solutions that foster resilience, strengthen communities and restore hope.

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About AARP Foundation Experience Corps

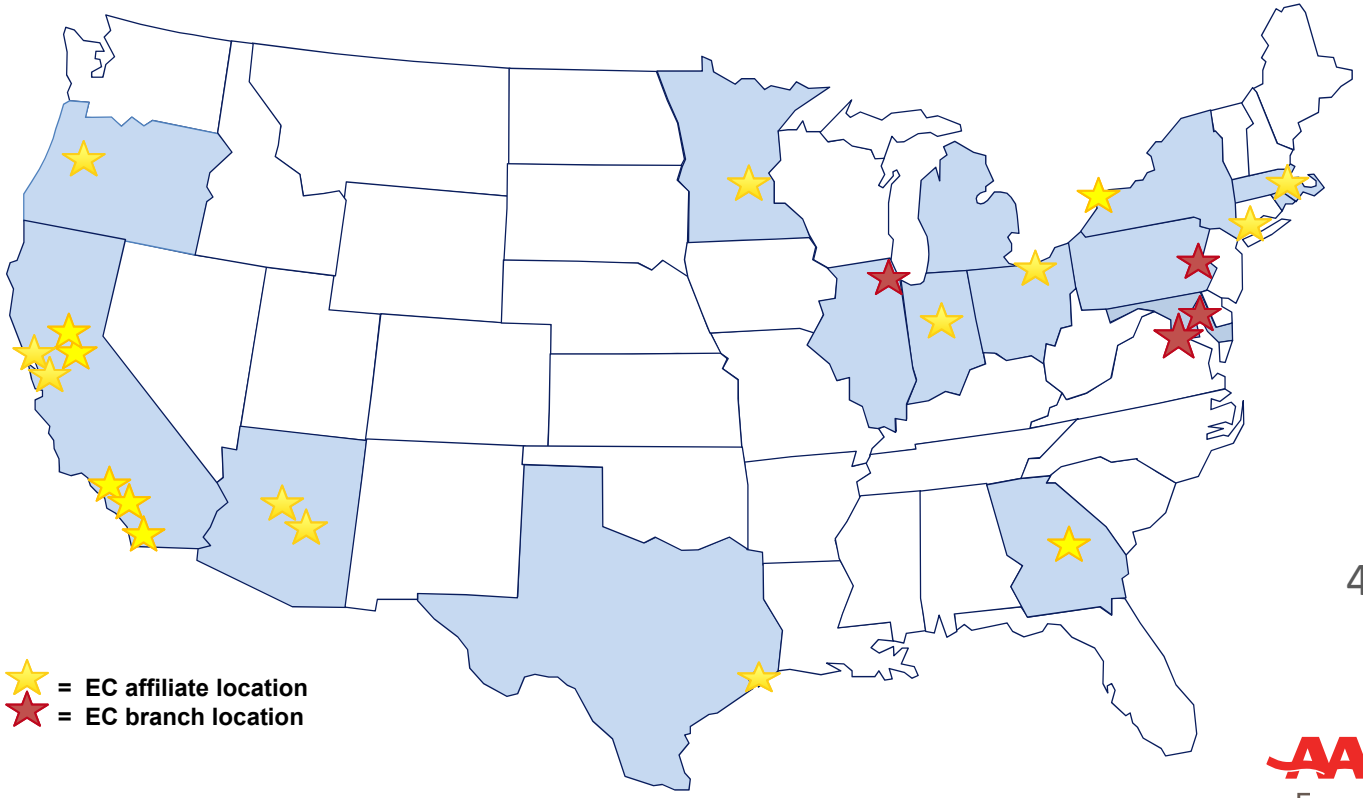
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- An **evidence-based, volunteer-supported literacy program** that helps children become great readers by the end of third grade while enriching the lives of our volunteers.
- Recruits, screens, trains, and supports committed **adult volunteers who are 50 years old and better** as tutors.
- Targets **schools within high need communities** where a significant portion of K-3 students are below grade level in reading.
- Employs a structured, evidence-based model that **improves the overall reading ability of students** by building their fluency, accuracy, and comprehension skills.

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Experience Corps Network



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SY 2017-18

22 programs

298 schools

2,335 volunteers

30,108 students

412,646 tutoring hours

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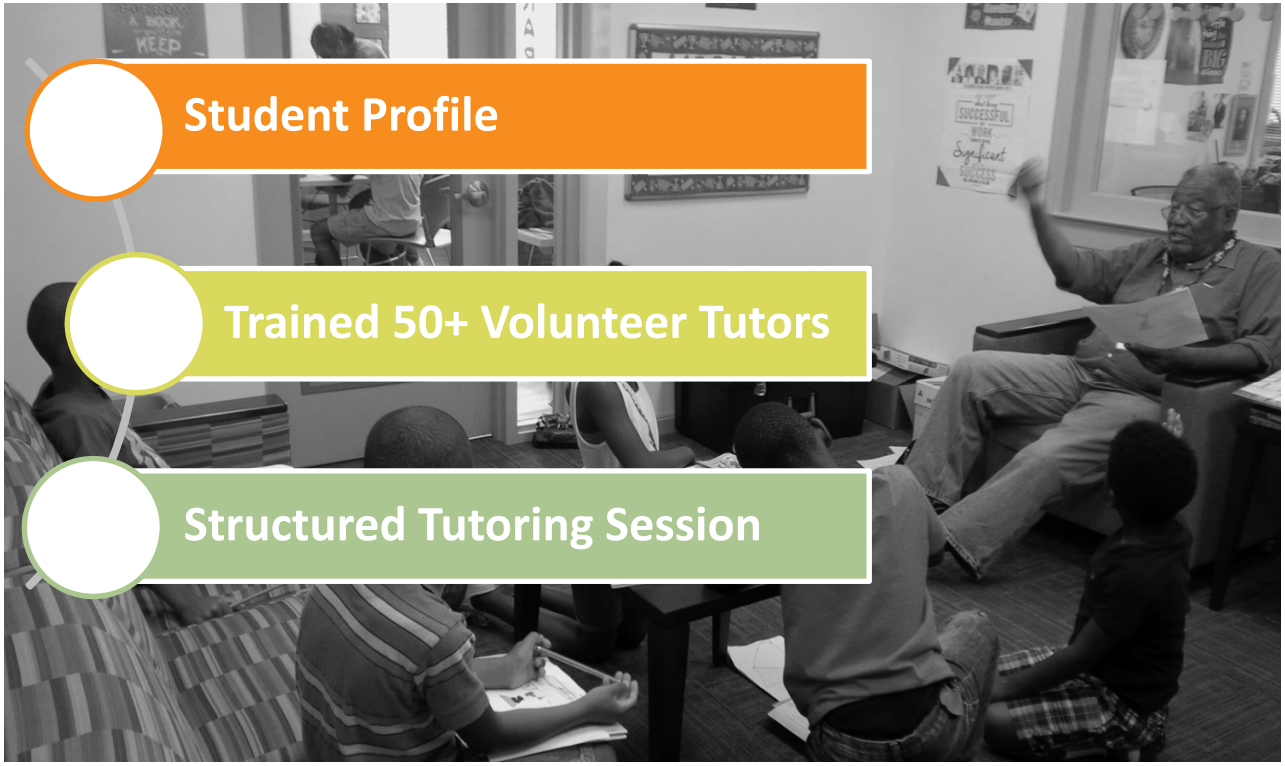
Experience Corps Impact

- Experience Corps **tutors have achieved remarkable results with students** who may otherwise never have caught up with their grade-level peers.
- In addition to academic outcomes, an average of **7 in 10 students grow** in self confidence, motivation to learn, concentration and participation in class.
- Tutors report that Experience Corps helps them stay **physically and mentally active** and have an **increased sense of purpose** in life.



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Experience Corps Model

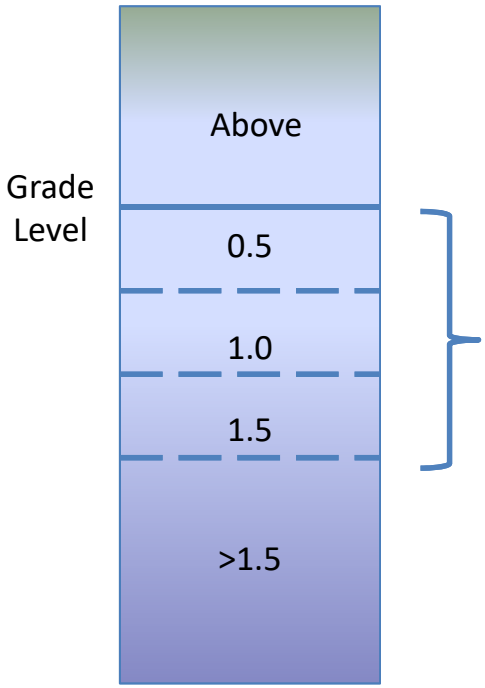


Core EC model components include:

- Students identified as most likely to benefit from our tutoring
- Highly trained 50+ volunteer tutors
- A research-based structured tutoring session

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Experience Corps: Student Profile



- Experience Corps is best suited for students who are up to 1.5 years below grade level.
- We provide support to students to improve their fluency through repetition and practice with connected text.
- We work with schools and expanded learning providers to identify children who will most benefit from tutoring.

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Experience Corps: Trained 50+ Volunteer Tutors



EC Volunteers come to sites ready to provide immediate value

- Experience Corps volunteer tutors receive 8-16 hours of training prior to working with students.
- Our volunteer tutors are provided training and concrete guidance to successfully implement the structured tutoring session.



Experience makes the difference

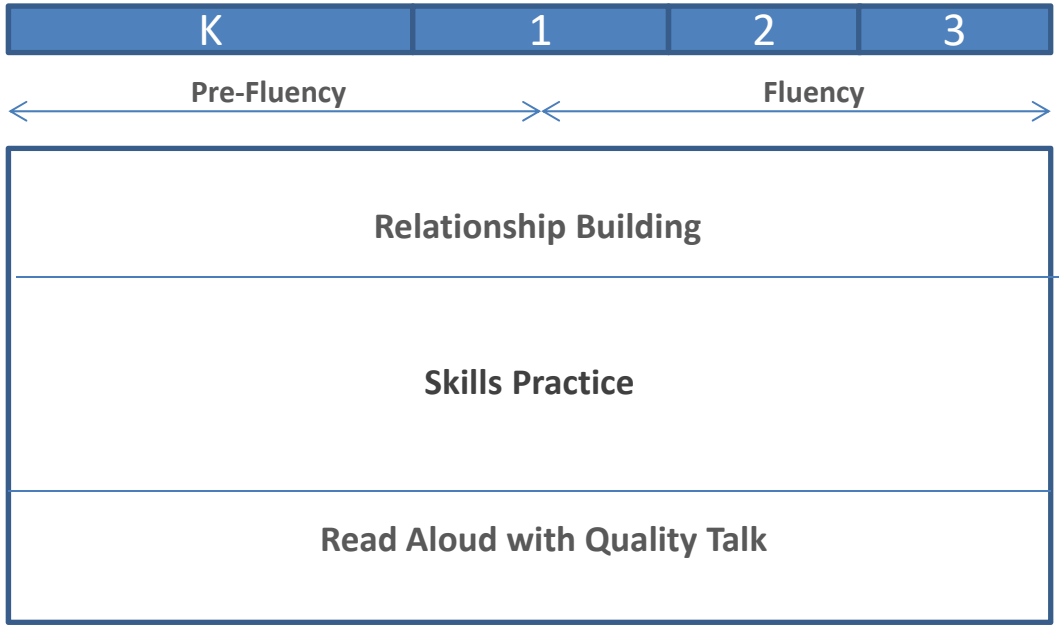
- Our volunteers are 50 years and older (average 68).
- Our volunteers commit for the entire school year.
- The average retention is 70% with average service of 3.2 years.

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Experience Corps: Structured Tutoring Session

Experience Corps tutoring sessions provide targeted practice in skills critical to comprehension and overall reading ability.

- **Sustained tutoring** with the same students over the course of the school year
- **Structured** tutoring session
- Delivered **1:1 or small group**
- **Standards** for content, tutor training and tutoring strategies



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Experience Corps: Fluency-Focused

What is Fluency?

- Fluency is the ability to read a text accurately and quickly – reading like you speak.
- Fluency is a core component of overall reading and an essential prerequisite to comprehension.

Experience Corps focuses on fluency because:

- Fluency develops gradually over time and through sustained practice.
- Repeated and monitored oral reading improves reading fluency, comprehension, and overall reading achievement.
- Fluency is highly predictive of overall reading ability on comprehensive state and national measure for students in grades 1 through 3.

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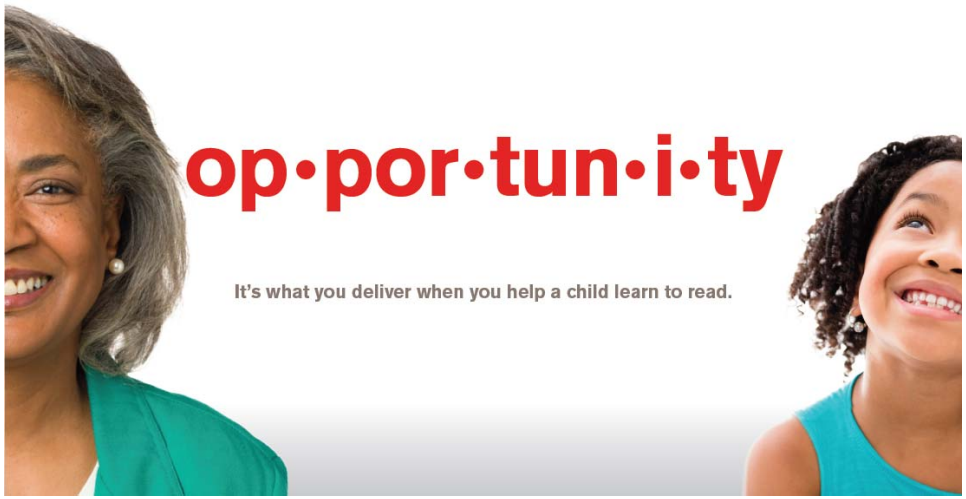
Bringing Experience Corps to Expanded Learning

- **Value Proposition**: Experience Corps partners with high-quality expanded learning providers to produce early literacy tutoring complementary to existing programming that will impact literacy rates of children in K-3, strengthen communities and enrich the lives of our volunteers.

- **Benefits of Experience Corps in Expanded Learning**
  - Experience Corps programs have been growing into the expanded learning space, doubling the number of students served at these sites in the past year.
  - Expanded learning provides tutoring opportunities to a slightly different pool of volunteers, who may not be available during school hours.
  - Experience Corps tutoring is designed to complement expanded learning programming.

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Next Steps



- Complete the **Interest Form** in your meeting folder.
- Further Questions? **Contact Melissa MacDonald** at melissa.f.macdonald@gmail.com

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