Future Plans


- Arrangements are underway to bring Emily Rodgers, a Reading Recovery Trainer from The Ohio State University, to San Diego in Fall 2007 for a half-day Reading Recovery conference for teachers and a Teacher Leader Professional Development session.

- Sharan Gibson will contact affiliated congressional districts, distributing an executive summary of Reading Recovery implementation specific to each district. These contacts will be followed up with information to associated school districts.

- SDSU’s Reading Recovery Program will continue to support development efforts through the university-level capital campaign and the work of Elissa Oransky.

- Plans are also underway for an overhaul of the University Training Center’s website, with the inclusion of pod casts of available training and support, and information on up-coming institutes on literacy instruction and local Reading Recovery training sites.

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**Advocacy**

**RRCNA/NATG Advocacy:**
- Formal letter of complaint to USDE Inspector General
- OIG Audit Reports
- What Works Clearinghouse Report
- Letter from USDE Joseph Conaty to all Directors of State Reading First programs

**SDSU UTC Advocacy:**
- Contact with all site coordinators
- Distribution of What Works Clearinghouse Report
- Report of UTC service provided to Reading Recovery sites
- Information on Reading Recovery as a Response to Intervention

**Teacher Leader Advocacy:**
- Strengthening local administrative support
- Establishing Reading Recovery as RTI
- Analyzing results with children and maintaining effective Reading Recovery teaching

**News from Affiliated Sites**

**Colton USD, Teacher Leader Joy Valadez:** Trained four new Reading Recovery teachers, who have each discontinued 4 to 6 students during their training year. Expanded continuing contact to 9 sessions this year, with a focus on teaching for serial order and effective word identification strategies.

**Jamul-Dulzura USD, Teacher Leader Mary Otahal:** The superintendent, Nadine Bennett, and principal of Jamul Primary School, Liz Bystedt, initiated the inclusion of Reading Recovery within the district’s RTI plan this year. Jamul’s RR teachers networked successfully with a team from SDUSD for continuing contact sessions.

**Long Beach USD, Teacher Leaders Kathy Brown and Jill Isbell-Rhodes:** Reading Recovery in Long Beach was featured as a successful intervention in a 30-minute KABC program entitled “The Right to Read.” Kathy Brown and Jill Isbell-Rhodes presented RR as RTI at a principal’s meeting. Three new LBUSD schools will implement RR in 2007-2008.

**Poway USD, Teacher Leader Ryan Stanley:** Of the 11 PUSD sites implementing Reading Recovery this year, 8 of those sites were fully implemented. Several sites ‘ran out’ of needy first graders early in the year, enabling RR teachers to work with at-risk students from other grade levels. PUSD has had a training class for new RR teachers every year since 1999-2000, and will continue this tradition with a training class in 2007-2008 due to the leadership of Site Coordinator and Area Superintendent, Diane Cantelli.

**San Diego USD, Teacher Leaders Cynthia Craft and Barbara Israel:** Cynthia and Barbara did extensive work this spring analyzing and presenting Reading Recovery school reports. SDUSD joined with Jamul-Dulzura USD’s Reading Recovery program to offer evening continuing contact sessions. 9 SDUSD RR teachers chose to attend these sessions and thus avoid missed lessons with students. These sessions resulted in rich behind-the-glass discussions from a variety of perspectives.

**Torrance USD, Teacher Leader Greta Stanton:** A TUSD Reading Recovery teacher is on the local union board and meets monthly with a school board member to discuss a variety of topics, one of which is RR’s fit with Response to Intervention.

**Washington County SD, Teacher Leader Geniel Huntington:** Established long-term funding for .5 FTE for Reading Recovery in addition to Title I. Established a web site to track longitudinal, norm-referenced and DRA achievement data on Reading Recovery students.
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2006-2007 Highlights

We are completing our seventh year of operation as a Reading Recovery University Training Center.

- Between its inception in 1999 and spring 2006, SDSU Reading Recovery UTC affiliated sites have trained approximately 530 teachers and provided Reading Recovery instruction to 25,390 children.
- This year, SDSU affiliated sites have trained 13 new Reading Recovery teachers.
- SDSU Trainers provided a series of professional development sessions for Reading Recovery teacher leaders focused on RTI advocacy and implementation of Literacy Lessons Designed for Individuals

- Patricia Kelly has spearheaded planning for the 6th International Reading Recovery Institute, July 2007.
- Sharan Gibson is now the lead editor for the RRCNA journal, Literacy Teaching and Learning.

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We have also had a number of important changes this year. Patricia Kelly moved to her current position as Interim Associate Dean for Faculty Development in January 2007. As the founder and previous director of the SDSU Reading Recovery Program, Pat’s leadership has been and continues to be extremely valuable to all those involved in Reading Recovery. We are also pleased to welcome Rachel Morgan, our excellent, new assistant. Julie White has left us once again, moving to a position in the Dean’s office after many years of valuable assistance.

Dr. Ric Hovda has accepted the position of Dean of the College of Education as of July 2007, and is welcomed as one of three Buckeyes on the SDSU Reading Recovery Advisory Board!