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UNC Preschool Writing Program

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Welcome to the Preschool Writing Program!

Welcome! The Preschool Writing Program's team wants to start out by thanking everybody involved that has made this critical research possible. Without the support of all of the families, the school faculty and staff, and the students, this vision would not be possible. We are also grateful to the Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences for providing funding for this program.



Introduction to the Program

The UNC Preschool Writing Program began in July 2017 as a partnership between UNC-CH and the Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Program (CHTOP) to enrich the emergent literacy skills of children in Durham and Orange Counties Head Start programs. Specifically, we are gaining insight into how children learn to write as part of their early skills development, how early writing is different among children, and what factors influence a child's ability to learn to write. We work with children who are enrolled in the program one-on-one and in small groups at all of the Head Start sites to track their progress and provide instruction. It's wonderful to be part of the Head Start community.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Should you have any questions or feedback please do not hesitate to reach out. Our contact information is:
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2017-2018 PROGRAM REVIEW

TOTAL ENROLLMENT



Fairview (18%) Leathers-Meacham (49%) Seminary (17%)
Oxford (5%) Lyon Park (11%)

- **125** children consented
- **114** children enrolled
- **32** groups
- **26** intervention sessions
- **10** teachers
- **119** assessments completed
- **84** parent surveys returned

Findings to Date:

We are in the process of examining our first year data. Some preliminary observations detail the importance of teacher ratings of executive functions (i.e., self-regulation) to emergent literacy skills (i.e., teacher ratings ARE significantly related to the child's emergent literacy skills at age 3). More to come as we continue to evaluate our assessment and intervention data.



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