Intergenerational Tutoring

Tutors, Mentors and Friends

Since 1989, thousands of children across the country have improved their skills and discovered the joy of reading with support from Oasis tutors.

Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring is a volunteer program that pairs older adults with children in grades K-3 to work one-on-one each week as their tutors, mentors and friends. Oasis tutors use a six-step approach to literacy designed by educators that emphasizes improved reading, speaking, listening and writing.

School district partners appreciate a number of program benefits:

- Oasis expertise in engaging older adults in schools and mentoring practices
- Step-by-step implementation guidelines and ongoing support
- Online resources and ongoing tutor training on a variety of topics, including:
  - Increasing confidence, motivation and enjoyment of reading and writing
  - Trauma sensitivity and restorative practices
  - Dyslexia awareness
  - Literacy-based curriculum written by educators

“I can actually see the change in the students as they get better at reading and gain confidence. This is an opportunity to bring yourself into the life of a child in a powerful way.”

– Linda Shead, Oasis tutor

Wonderful things happen when a school has Oasis tutors!

Recent surveys of participating schools confirm that Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring is a valuable asset.

- 100% of principals indicated that they planned to continue with the program next year.
- 99% of principals said that Oasis tutors added a positive element to their schools.
- 96% of teachers reported improved confidence and self-esteem in their students.
National Impact

Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring is the largest older adult tutoring program in the U.S., and has reached more than **485,000 children** over the last 30 years.

In 2018, Oasis tutors helped **21,000 children** in **630 schools** in **75 school districts** across the country.

More than **4,000 Oasis tutors** volunteer in **14 different states** in over **20 U.S. cities**.

“When I retired, I was looking for something to do involving reading and literacy. Becoming an Oasis tutor was a chance to do some good and give back to my community. The children want to learn, but just need a little help or special attention to do so. There is nothing quite like the smiles you see when you arrive for a lesson.”

– Nick Hall, Oasis tutor

There’s more to Oasis!

Oasis is a national education organization that promotes healthy aging through lifelong learning, active lifestyles and service. In addition to tutoring, Oasis offers stimulating programs in the arts, humanities, technology and volunteer opportunities to older adults in more than 250 communities through nine educational centers and national network of over 700 community partners. For more information, visit [www.oasisnet.org](http://www.oasisnet.org).

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