Founded at Boston Medical Center in 1989, Reach Out and Read is a national organization that gives young children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together.

OUR AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE (AI/AN) INITIATIVE

• Established in 2007 through a collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)’s Committee on Native American Child Health (CONACH), and the Indian Health Service (IHS).

• Created to provide children’s books for AI/AN program sites and deliver provider training and technical assistance to AI/AN program sites.

• Since 2010, we have added 26 additional AI/AN program sites.

OUR IMPACT ON AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CHILDREN

• 241 Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban clinics currently participate in Reach Out and Read.

• More than 60,000 AI/AN children benefit from Reach Out and Read annually.

• Over 10,000 books will be distributed in 2018 to Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban clinics in the Reach Out and Read network.

OUR OUTCOMES

- Parents are 2.5x more likely to read to their children
- Families are 2.5x more likely to enjoy reading together
- Children's language development is improved by 3-6 months

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