



Jumpstart's Fact Sheet

About Jumpstart	<p>To combat the crisis in early literacy, Jumpstart brings college students and community volunteers together with preschool children in low-income communities for year long, individualized tutoring and mentoring. Jumpstart's college students and community volunteers work with children on language and literacy skills to help prepare them for school and for life.</p> <p>Jumpstart is working toward the day <i>every</i> child in America enters school prepared to succeed.</p>
Founded	1993 at Yale University
National Headquarters	Boston, MA
City Offices	Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA; New York, NY; San Francisco, CA; and Washington D.C.
Web Site	www.jstart.org
Site Locations	Jumpstart partners 3,500 college students and community volunteers with nearly 13,000 preschool children in low-income communities. Jumpstart works across the country at more than 250 early learning centers and 62 universities and colleges.
Growth	Jumpstart has grown consistently, averaging more than 20% annual growth in children served since 2002, tripling the number of children reached each year; such consistent and aggressive growth means Jumpstart's college students and community volunteers now serve to increase the number of adults working with children in low-income communities by more than 5% across the entire country.
Proven Results	<p>Jumpstart assesses each child twice a year using its <i>School Success Checklist</i>, a 15-item assessment of language and literacy, social, and initiative skills. This strong pre- and post-assessment process allows Jumpstart to track a child's progress, measure program impact, and improve content and delivery.</p> <p>Jumpstart helps prepare children for future school success. Jumpstart children begin the school year with skills rated similar to or lower than their peers but make statistically significant greater progress in early language, literacy, social and initiative skill areas by the end of the program year. During the 2008-2009 school year, Jumpstart children improved their school readiness skills by 29%.</p>
National Service	Jumpstart began its relationship with the Corporation for National and Community Service in 1995 and is now one of the nation's largest part-time AmeriCorps programs. During the 2009-2010 school year, Jumpstart's college student and community volunteers are giving more than one million hours of service to children in low-income communities.
National Sponsors	American Eagle Outfitters, AmeriCorps, Pearson and Sodexo
Program Overview	<p>Jumpstart offers a unique, results-driven, and research-based supplemental program to enhance the educational opportunities for students at Head Start and other early learning programs serving low-income children.</p> <p>Jumpstart's program model draws on research and best practices in early childhood education, including materials and resources from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation, and the Stony Brook Reading and Language Project's dialogic reading method.</p>

Program Model

Jumpstart's program model is based on extensive research and best practices that show the amazing impact a committed, caring adult can have on a young child's life. Children benefit from Jumpstart because of the time college students and community volunteers spend with them. Each college student or community volunteer spends an average of 10 hours per week in the classroom to provide:

- **Small Group Reading:** Promotes vocabulary and comprehension by reading high-quality children's literature together.
- **Circle Time:** Encourages social interaction through group activities designed to develop and promote language and literacy skills.
- **Center Time/Let's Find Out About It:** Shares fun learning activities that let children experiment and practice with words and ideas to deepen their understanding of books that they read.

Core Program Goals

Through our direct service with children, Jumpstart is committed to creating broad, sustainable change in early childhood education. While our approach encompasses large numbers of volunteers, participants and partners, it works because our college students and community volunteers provide individualized attention to children who need it most. Our program is designed to help close the quality gap in early learning and to produce measurable results.

Community Collaboration

Partner with community stakeholders to strengthen and prioritize early childhood education and cultivate a new generation of early childhood educators and advocates

School Success

Build language and literacy skills while strengthening social and emotional competencies. Support family involvement with activities and resources for at-home learning.

College Students

Jumpstart engages college students, who commit to a school year term of service. These students:

- Are 18-23 year-olds with interest in children, education, and community service.
- Come from diverse backgrounds.
 - 26 percent are African American.
 - 15 percent are Hispanic or Latino.
 - 11 percent are Asian.
- Study diverse majors.
 - 25 percent major in human services (psychology, nursing, social work, or sociology).
 - 11 percent major in science.
 - 10 percent major in business.
 - 10 percent major in education, not including early education.