# Reading Recovery Presentation

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- an early intervention
- designed by Marie Clay
- works within the school system
- to reduce literacy problems

# Reading Recovery is for students who after one year in school:

 have not made a satisfactory transition into literacy

 are falling behind their peers in reading and writing

# Three Waves of Teaching

Good first teaching in the classroom

Reading Recovery

 Longer term specialist support as needed

## Selection of Children

- Identified by classroom teachers
- Administered the Observation Survey
- Lowest achieving students in literacy
- No child is excluded regardless of ethnic background, intelligence, language achievement, physical handicaps or learning disabilities

# Reading Recovery Instruction

- Daily one-to-one instruction
- Individually designed for each child
- Builds on child's strengths
- Provides opportunities to use a set of reading processes simultaneously rather than a single process focus
- Lesson records detail child's reading and writing work & growth... data is collected and analyzed daily

# Goals of Reading Recovery

- Bring low achievers to the average band of classroom instruction in 12-20 weeks
- Identify early those children needing longer term literacy help

# Reading Recovery Training

Trainer

o Teacher Leader

o Teacher

All work with children on a daily basis

# Quality Assurance

- Reading Recovery® Principles Marie Clay
- Guidelines Canadian Institute of Reading Recovery
  - a non-profit organization
  - dedicated to the vision that children will be proficient readers and writers by the end of Grade 1
- Data collected and analyzed annually (school, board, provincial, national, international)
- Mandated ongoing PD

## Why Did NS Implement Reading Recovery?

- Mid 90's growing waiting list for literacy support from resource teachers
- Average stay in resource = 7 9 years
- Lack of information and accountability for outcomes related to students' progress in resource
- Research & first hand experience of Reading Recovery:
  - an effective research based literacy intervention
  - built on solid theories of learning
  - cost effective

### Fall River: Massachusetts

Intervention	Additional Cost/student	Time in Program	Total Cost/student
RR	\$2,362	18 weeks	<i>\$2,362</i>
Special Ed	\$3,566	5 years	\$17,830
Title 1	\$1,620	3 years	\$4,860
Retention	\$3,843	1 year	\$3,843

Costs based on 151 children who completed Reading Recovery

Total Cost : Other Interventions Reading Recovery Net Savings
 \$1,746,145
 \$483,271
 \$1,262,874

#### FTE's Needed to Serve 100 Grade One Students

#### With Resource Support

- 4 Resource Teachers with 25 Students
- X9 Years On Resource Caseload
- o 36 FTE's required over 9 years

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#### With Reading Recovery

- 5 FTE's (Year One) Reading Recovery Teachers
- +8 FTE's (Years 2-9) 1 Resource Teacher/year to serve the 25 RR students who made progress but did not reach the average band of classroom instruction
- 13 FTE's required over 9 years

#### By implementing Reading Recovery:

- Potential Savings of 23 FTE's
- o Positions that could be directed toward other areas of need

### Nova Scotia Department of Education Support Began in 1995-96

- Cost sharing of Teacher Leader Training
   (60% Dept 40% Regional) + additional start up and PD funding
- In 2000, the Dept launched Active Young Readers
  - Instructional time,
  - Resources,
  - PD
  - Early Literacy Intervention (Reading Recovery)
- o In 2002, Learning For Life ... Planning for Student Success
  - funding allocated for the full implementation of Reading Recovery across NS by 2005

## How have we been doing in NS since 1995?

- 70% of students who completed Reading Recovery reach class average or above ... 10,917 students
- Provincial target is 80% & to date, 2 boards have reached this target
- Majority maintain gains:
  - Follow Up Research by individual boards
  - Dept. will track students on Grade 3 Assessment

## How have we been doing in NS since 1995?

- Second Positive Outcome:
  - Those who don't reach average band make significant progress (Third Wave Pilot York Board)
- In partnership with CIRR and Marie Clay re-developed Reading Recovery in French (for world use)
- Currently piloting Reading Recovery for French Immersion

## Is Reading Recovery still cost effective?

2007 London Research Sue Burroughs-Lange & Julie Douetil

"Literacy Teaching and Learning" Vol 12, No 1, Fall 2007 p19-46
www.readingrecovery.org.uk for the London research report

KPMG Foundation

www.everychildareader.org for the KPMG report "The long term costs of literacy difficulties"

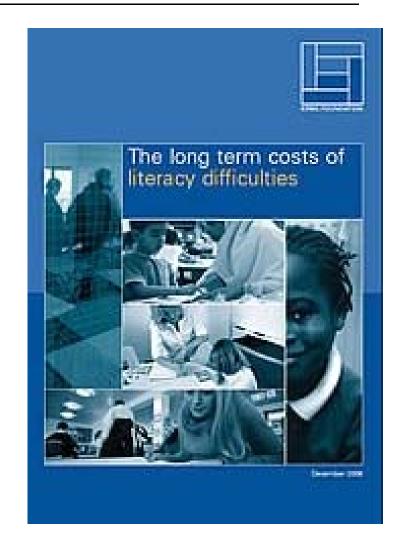
## The costs to an elementary school

What £2,500 buys

- o RR at 6
- other support 6-11

The big difference is ......

There are many long term costs to literacy difficulties



# Consequences of very low literacy skills

- 70% of pupils permanently excluded from school have literacy difficulties
- A quarter of young people in custody have been found to be functioning below the level of average 7 year old in literacy
- 60% of the prison population have literacy difficulties
- Other long term consequences: unemployment or low paid work, mental health problems

# Costs to society of illiteracy and poor literacy

Estimated savings up to age 37 of 39,000 children learning to read aged 6-7

○ Education £201 - 299M

Employment £800 M

Social costs £187M

Health costs£34M

• Crime costs £147 - 303M

## What does this mean?

- Every pound spent on RR saves £15 to £18
- These are savings on just one age cohort of children
- These same savings will happen each year that the lowest group learn to read through RR
- Within education the savings are much greater at secondary school stage

# Reading Recovery recognized as an effective scientifically based intervention in the USA 2007

- What Works Clearinghouse (WWC), a branch of the US Department of Education (USDE)
- Released results of a 3 year independent review of the experimental research on Reading Recovery
- Provided very strong evidence confirming the effectiveness of Reading Recovery for children from various income, ethnic and racial groups.

http://www.whatworks.ed.gov