



## Reach Out and Read National Center Young Investigator Awards

Since 2011, the Reach Out and Read National Center partners with the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) Young Investigator Award (YIA) Program for Primary Care Strategies for the Promotion of Early Literacy and School Readiness. These annual awards provide financial support for young investigators whose research projects focus on interventions in primary care intended to support the early stages of literacy development and school readiness among children at risk for reading problems or school failure.

Through an annual application process, the Program may grant up to \$15,000 per selected project. Through this award, our primary goal is to foster development of young investigators who will advance a research agenda related to:

- 1) Improving early literacy and school readiness among children, especially those at risk for language delay and school problems, through primary care-based interventions including Reach Out and Read and related programs, and
- 2) Understanding home environmental and other influences (both social and biological) related to early literacy and school readiness, in order to inform development and refinement of primary care interventions.

Recipients of the Young Investigator Awards:

### 2016

Kymberly Gonzalez, MD, The Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania

*Understanding the Relationship of Parental ACEs and Reading Behaviors among Poor Urban Parents*  
Anna Miller-Fitzwater, MD, MPH, Wake Forest Baptist Health – Brenner Children’s Hospital  
*Reach Out and Read Earlier - Implementing the Reach Out and Read Model at the Newborn Visit.*

### 2015

Sai Iyer, MD, University of California San Diego School of Medicine – Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego  
*Pre-school Literacy Screening in Primary Care Title: Integrating the Early Literacy Screener along with Reach Out and Read*

### 2014

John Hutton, MD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH  
*A Neuroimaging-Based Pilot Study Comparing Brain Regions Involved With Receptive Language in Reach Out and Read "Graduates" and Unexposed Children*

Jayna Schumacher, MD, Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA

*Use of E-Books to Support Emerging Readers from Families with Low Socioeconomic Status Boston Medical Center*

### 2013

Adriana Weisleder, PhD, New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY  
*Using innovative technology to investigate the home literacy environment in the first year of life*

### 2012

Teri DeLucca, PhD New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY  
*A Multifaceted Examination of Reach Out and Read: Physician, Family and Child Outcomes*

### 2011

Meghan Treitz, MD, University of Colorado, Denver, CO  
*Promoting Early Childhood Literacy with Low Income Families in a Primary Care Pediatric Clinic Using a Video Tutorial to Teach Dialogic Reading*