

RFHF: Celebrating our Success: Cohort 12

Baker, Malheur, Union, and Wallowa Counties

Mom is developmentally delayed with low literacy skills. Brought incentive books to read to family. Both child and mom are glued to the books.

Teen mom thought the idea of reading to babies was crazy. After the training the mom seemed interested but didn't get into it, but dad did and he shared books with baby and is reading the early literacy information.

We have amazing FSWs who are out offering this information to everyone

We held a baby shower. HS helped out with the food. We had books for babies, bibs, early literacy information. Used the "on the go" activities. Everyone was invited. Written up in local newspaper with front page color photo and an in-depth article. We served brunch. Showed the ready to learn DVD, Gave away books. Had 35 individual families from all social economic strata in the community.

Created a first-aid kit with HS information, gift certificate and books.

A young boy who had trauma issues and was having traumatic visits/meetings at the DHS office started having his meetings at the library after story time. He changed dramatically, his behavior, his confidence, his language level. You could see him opening up and he felt more comfortable having a safe place to go.

Had a meeting with HS to determine needs and offerings

HS group came to library and talked about books and 6 skills

Played with puppets

Took HS families on tour of library: they were shocked and couldn't thank us enough for inviting them

Start of a partnership

Supervisors said "go for it!"

3 year old was scared of many things. Using the sea creatures pop-up incentive book, he went from being totally scared to liking and kissing the pop-ups. It's all about knowing the child and selecting the right books.

Noticed that hard to get to parents started to get involved in the nursery rhymes and really had fun with them.

New playgroup and new families not really into the story time at the start. Now they are into it and instead of just one book they sit through and go through 5-6 stories at a Storytime.

The home visitor and the whole family were lined up on the couch reading a book. Great to see!

Not related to early literacy but had an interesting home visit featuring a family with a grandma who smoked, and a house full of cats. In the middle of an activity I smelled a funny odor and looked up to see grandma sitting in a chair, smoking away, with a cat's too-close-tail on fire!