

Transforming Early Literacy

Children's Literacy Initiative is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization transforming Birth through 8th grade classrooms. We coach teachers in-person, virtually and through blended learning, stock classrooms, and provide workshops & seminars on research-based and culturally sustaining early literacy best practices to improve instruction so children become powerful, readers, writers and thinkers.



34+ Years of Experience

Founded in 1988, CLI helps educators serving high-need student populations learn high-impact instructional strategies and nurture dynamic professional learning communities that continue the trajectory of improvement in schools.



Sustained Impact

Schools served by CLI's i3 Validation project in Philadelphia and Chicago are still outperforming the control schools from that study on third grade, standardized assessments.



Proven Impact

The American Institutes of Research (AIR) report on a randomized control trial evaluation of CLI's i3 Validation project found statistically significant results for CLI's impact on teacher

practice and student learning. Our approach and results are now part of the prestigous What Works Clearinghouse.



Validated Approach

In 2010, CLI won a highly competitive \$21.7 million Validation grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund to implement its program in 38 schools in four urban cities.



Expanded Reach

Using results from i3 Validation, CLI in 2015 won, as the highest-scoring applicant, a prestigious, \$19 million i3 Scale-up grant to expand into 27 public schools across the country in Broward County (FL), Denver, Elizabeth (NJ), and Houston.



- Birth to 8th Grade
- Educational Equity
- Teacher Coaching and Professional Development
- Family Engagement
- Public Education
- Social Justice
- Leadership
 Coaching and
 Professional
 Development



Powerful Partnerships

Pivoting its 30+ years' experience while facing the COVID-19 pandemic, CLI provided teacher coaching and training to support schools and early literacy instruction in the virtual world. Shifting from an in-person model to working with each partner virtually, CLI met the unique needs of educators and students as they transitioned to distance learning.