

2017 LENA Early Language Conference



Combining Approaches to Boost Early Talk



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Welcome to Beaver Creek!



Welcome to Beaver Creek and to the 2017 LENA Early Language Conference, "Paths to Opportunity"!

Early talk is now changing children's lives across the country and around the world, thanks to your incredible efforts supported by LENA's groundbreaking technology. More than 4,000 children and their families have been helped so far, with an anticipated 2,500 to be touched in 2017 alone. LENA's data-driven intervention programs are underway in more than 30 communities from Florida to California. LENA, with your help and our other partners, is poised to serve more than 10,000 children annually in more than 50 communities across the U.S. by 2020.

I'm proud to see Terry's dream of creating more opportunity for all beginning to take shape with such widespread support.

However, that's only a fraction of those who could benefit. Many more children's lives could be changed with increased talk in their daily lives.

At LENA Research Foundation, we're inspired to scale our programs faster so that we can reach more children, helping them to achieve their dreams. That's why we've adopted the theme "Paths to Opportunity" for this year's conference. We invite you to join in this mission. We look forward to discussing these opportunities over the next few days, months, and years so we can work together to make a difference in every child's life.

Thank you for joining us at this year's conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith A. Paul".

Judi Paul

*Chairman and Co-Founder,
LENA Research Foundation*



Conference Information

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Wi-Fi

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Submit Your Questions for “Solving Challenges in Our Work”

Help define the topics for our working session on Thursday morning. Throughout the conference, submit your questions about challenges facing the field of early language intervention by Twitter (**#LENA17**) or by texting the number above. Questions will be reviewed at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, and two will be presented to you to discuss and suggest solutions.

Hospitality Desk

A hospitality desk is available throughout the conference to answer questions regarding local restaurants, activities, and transportation or travel arrangements. The desk will be staffed during the following hours:

Tuesday: 3 pm - 8 pm

Wednesday: 9 am - 6 pm

Thursday: 8 am - 1 pm

Dial-A-Ride

Dial-A-Ride provides complimentary door-to-door, shared ride transportation within the Beaver Creek, Bachelor Gulch, and Arrowhead villages. Guests may ask their concierge to arrange transportation anywhere within the resort, or call Village Transportation at (970) 949-1938 to make arrangements.

S’mores, please!

The Park Hyatt invites guests to enjoy a s’mores happy hour starting at 7:00 pm daily. S’mores packets are available at the café, 8100 Bar & Grill, or the front desk. Provide your Park Hyatt room number or mention you are with the LENA Conference to get a packet.

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Schedule at a Glance

Tuesday, September 12

Time	Activity	Location	More Information
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration	Outside Sawatch Hall	
5:20 pm - 5:30 pm	Welcoming Remarks	Sawatch Hall	
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Patricia Kuhl: "Early Language Input: The Key Factor in Language Growth and Brain Development"	Sawatch Hall	Page 4
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Oktoberfest Welcome Reception Featuring Invited Posters	McCoy's	Pages 4-5

Wednesday, September 13

7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast		McCoy's	
9:00 am - 9:20 am	Opening Remarks		Sawatch Hall	
9:20 am - 10:00 am	Ariel Kalil: "Paths to Opportunity: Improving Parental Engagement and Children's Early Learning"		Sawatch Hall	Page 6
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10:30 am - Noon	Morning Breakouts	Families: Strengthening Parents and Caregivers	Sawatch Hall	Pages 6-7
		Childcare: Empowering the Educator	Gore Range Hall	
		Research: Putting Learning into Action	Heritage Hall	
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch		McCoy's & Patio	
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Jill Gilkerson: "10 Years Later: Predicting Longitudinal Outcomes from LENA Measures"		Sawatch Hall	Page 8
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2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Break			
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Pathfinding Workshops	Natasha Cabrera and Ruti Levtoy: "The Father Factor"	Gore Range Hall	Page 9
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Thursday, September 14

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5:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Sawatch Hall

“Early Language Input: The Key Factor in Language Growth and Brain Development”

Patricia Kuhl, PhD

Professor and Co-Director of I-LABS, University of Washington



Dr. Patricia K. Kuhl holds the Bezos Family Foundation Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Learning and is Co-Director of the UW Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences, and Professor of Speech and Hearing Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. She is internationally recognized for her research on early language and bilingual brain development, for pioneering brain measures on young children, and studies that show how young children learn. Dr. Kuhl is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Rodin Academy, and the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters. She has won numerous awards.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, McCoy's

Oktoberfest welcome reception featuring invited posters

***Bold text denotes presenting authors**

Bridging the Word Gap Research Network (BWGRN)

Judith J. Carta, PhD¹, Dale Walker, PhD¹, **Charles R. Greenwood, PhD¹**, Alana G. Schnitz, PhD¹, The Leadership Team¹

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Closing the Achievement Gap Through Parent Education and Quantitative Linguistic Feedback: The Use of LENA Start™ to Improve the Home Linguistic Environment and Parental Knowledge of Child Development

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Enhancing Early Intervention Children's Communication with their Depressed Mothers: Using LENA at the Crossroads of Early Intervention and Maternal Depression

Marcia Mandel, PhD¹, Anne C. Wheeler, PhD², Maureen J. Baker, MSN, RN³, Doré LaForett, PhD⁴, Maria Martinez, PhD³, Yui Matsuda, PhD⁵, Samantha Meltzer-Brody, MD⁶, Casey Okoniewski, PhD², Rebecca Salomon, MSN, RN, PMHNP-BC³, Julee Wa Idrop, DNP³, Linda Beeber, PhD³

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Grow With Me: An Infant Toddler Quality Initiative Using LENA and CLASS Assessments that Folds in Coaching and Professional Development to Connect the Dots

Vicki Nall Pugh¹

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LENA Start Parents Show Increases in Parenting Domains Beyond those Measured by LENA

Jill Gilkerson, PhD¹, Rosemary Russo, MA¹

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Look Who is Talking: Understanding the Linguistic Environments of Family Child Care Homes

Rihana S. Mason, PhD¹, Gary E. Bingham, PhD¹, Nicole Venuto¹, Nicole Patton-Terry, PhD¹

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Maternal Involvement as a Predictor of Early Infant Conversational Turns in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Megumi Mori, BA¹, Alicia Hersey, BA², Richard Tucker, BA³, Betty R. Vohr, MD³, **Elisabeth C. McGowan, MD³**

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Ready4K: An Evidence-Based Text Messaging Intervention for Increasing Parental Engagement and Improving Child Outcomes

Benjamin N. York, PhD¹

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The Relationship between Quality and Quantity in Parental Language Input to Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Children

Jeffry A. Coady, PhD¹, Mallene Wiggin, PhD, CCC-SLP¹, Allison L. Sedey, PhD, CCC-SLP, CCC-A¹, Christine Yoshinaga-Itano, PhD, CCC-A¹

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Starting with Start: Building a Broad and Sustainable Infrastructure for Research and Intervention in Early Language Development

Scott R. McConnell, PhD¹, Erin Lease, MA¹

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Talk To Teach—Providence Talks & Brown University's Early Evaluation Findings

Kevin D. Slattery, MPA¹, Megan Boben, MA²

¹Providence Talks, ²Brown University

Texas Children's Hospital upWORDS: Baby—More Than Just Words

Cary Cain, MPH, RN^{1,2}, Maura Dugan, MA, CCC-SLP³, Christopher Greeley, MD, MS¹, Kimberly K. Lopez, DrPH¹

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9:20 am - 10:05 am, Sawatch Hall

"Paths to Opportunity: Improving Parental Engagement and Children's Early Learning"

Ariel Kalil, PhD
Professor, University of Chicago



Ariel Kalil is a Professor in the Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago. At Chicago Harris, she directs the Center for Human Potential and Public Policy and co-directs the Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab. She also holds an appointment as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Stavanger, Norway, in the Department of Business Administration. She is a developmental psychologist who studies economic conditions, parenting, and child development. Her current research examines the historical evolution of income-based gaps in parenting behavior and children's cognitive and non-cognitive skills. At the Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab, she is leading a variety of field experiments designed to strengthen parental engagement and child development in low-income families using tools drawn from behavioral economics and neuroscience.

10:30 am - Noon, Morning Breakouts

Reaching the Broader Community through...Families: Strengthening Parents and Caregivers ***Location: Sawatch Hall***

It has become widely recognized that parents and primary caregivers are the "secret sauce" that, through an interactive home language environment, sets a child's path to opportunity. But if we're to move the needle, we need to reach more parents more effectively—especially those harder-to-reach parents. This breakout addresses the challenges and opportunities we face as communities strive to optimize resource expenditures for maximum, measurable impact.

Facilitator



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Executive Director,
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Scott McConnell
Professor, Educational
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University of
Minnesota

Reaching the Broader Community through...*Childcare: Empowering the Educator*

Location: Gore Range Hall

While parents and caregivers have the greatest influence on children's growth and development, many children spend 60% or more of their waking hours in childcare. Early childhood educators, therefore, must be a major focus of any comprehensive approach to preventing opportunity gaps. This breakout will explore the issues facing this critically valuable but under supported profession.

Facilitator



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Reaching the Broader Community through...*Research: Putting Learning into Action*

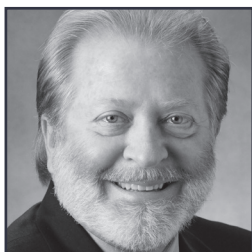
Location: Heritage Hall

This breakout examines the delicate balancing act: supporting innovation and process improvement on the one hand, rigor necessary for evaluation on the other. Across initiatives focused on early language, the large amounts of data available in real time challenge researchers to adapt to the changing landscape. How must we shift our thinking in order to design for speed, scale, and reproducibility?

Facilitator



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1:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Sawatch Hall

“10 Years Later: Predicting Longitudinal Outcomes from LENA Measures”

Jill Gilkerson, PhD
Senior Director of Research and Evaluation, LENA Research Foundation



Dr. Jill Gilkerson is the Senior Director of Research and Evaluation at the LENA Research Foundation. Since joining the LENA team in 2005, Jill’s primary role has been managing a team of researchers responsible for collecting and analyzing the data in LRF’s Natural Language Study, an ongoing data collection effort focusing on the language environment of over 900 typically developing children as well as children with language delays. Her research at the Foundation has focused on the relationship between early language environment and demographic variables such as birth order, gender, and TV exposure, as well as evaluating the effectiveness and efficacy of LENA-based intervention initiatives.

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, Sawatch Hall

Panel Discussion: “Blending Perspectives: Caregiver and Implementer Insights”

Organizations spend a lot of effort designing initiatives to meet the needs of parents and implementers, but how do the end users view these efforts? Parents and implementers from across the pathways explore the opportunities of data, the challenges of recruitment and leadership, and ultimately, how early-language programs can have a lasting impact in their communities.



Moderator

Laura Camp
Coordinator of Early Childhood Education, Cherokee County School District



Jennifer Calderon
Recruitment Specialist, Providence Talks



Anthony Davison
Program Specialist, School Readiness Department, Hunstville City Schools



Brittany Moore
Curtis Director, Kids Klub Learning Center

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm, Pathfinding Workshops

“Human-Centered Program Design”

Location: Sawatch Hall

In this session we will explore the power of starting with the end user in mind. Regardless of the role you play, human-centered design can enhance your ability to connect program inputs to desired outcomes. By building empathy and understanding your community's needs, you lay the groundwork for more effective implementation—for clients and your team. This session uses hands-on activities to jump-start this process!

Tara Jahn
Strategist & Facilitator, Createdu

Tara drives to improve education through Design Thinking and has served directly in high-impact youth organizations including work supporting language development at Head Start. Most recently she led systems-level initiatives at Colorado Education Initiative, supporting educators and leaders to build creative confidence. Tara was also a lead creator for SpaceLab, the organization's innovation lab. Training in change management, facilitative leadership, and emotional intelligence coaching (EQi2.0) allow Tara to take both a systems and personal change approach to supporting projects. Tara received her Master's in Public Administration from the University of Colorado and a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies from the University of Vermont.



“The Father Factor”

Location: Gore Range Hall

This breakout session will explore what we know about the important role that men can play in the language development of children and in their lives more broadly, what we can do—in terms of programmatic and policy interventions—to support and strengthen this role.

Ruti Levtoy, PhD
Senior Research and Program Officer, Promundo

Ruti Levtoy is a Senior Research and Program Officer at Promundo. She co-coordinates the MenCare Global Fatherhood Campaign and plays a key role in Promundo's research initiatives, including the International Men and Gender Equality Survey (IMAGES). Ruti previously worked with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the Maternal and Child Health Policy Research Center, and was a research fellow at the Tata Institute for Social Sciences in Mumbai. She received her MA in international comparative education at Stanford University, and her PhD in public health from the University of Michigan, where her research focused primarily on gender, violence, and schooling.



Natasha Cabrera, PhD
Director, Family Involvement Laboratory, Professor, Human Development, University of Maryland

Natasha J. Cabrera, Ph.D, is Professor of Human Development at the University of Maryland. Dr. Cabrera's research focuses on father involvement and children's social and cognitive development; adaptive and maladaptive factors related to parenting; and, the mechanisms that link early experiences to children's school readiness. She is the co-editor of the *Handbook of Father Involvement, 2nd Edition* (Taylor & Francis, 2013) and *Latina/o Child Psychology and Mental Health: Vol 1 and 2* (Praeger, 2011). Dr. Cabrera is an Associate Editor of *Child Development*, the recipient of the National Council and Family Relations award for Best Research Article regarding men in families in 2009, member of the National Academy of Sciences committee supporting the parents of young children, a Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar in 2016, the co-PI at the National Center for Research on Hispanic Families and Children, and a DAAD visiting scholar at the University of Ruhr, Bochum Germany.



LENA Sparks!—Big ideas in 6-minute bursts!

4:30 pm - 5:45 pm, Sawatch Hall

"Pay for Success 101, or How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love Social Finance"

Justin Milner, Pay for Success

"New Funding Paradigms: Insights from Overdeck Family Foundation"

Carly Roberts, Overdeck Family Foundation

"Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries"

Beth Crist, Colorado State Library

"How Spot the Slug Connected Curriculum between Home and School"

Ljubica Ilic-Downing, University of Dayton

"Behavioral Design for Early Childhood Programs"

Kristy Stark, Harvard University

"Public Libraries: Ensuring Progress on the Path to Opportunity"

Emily Samose, Urban Libraries Council

"Early Learning Lab: Technology to Support Parents of Children 0-3"

Sheetal Singh, Early Learning Lab

"Talk to Me: Community-Led Language Nutrition"

Laura Camp, Cherokee County School District

"LENA Start: My Learnings from Five Sites and One Bodhi"

Traci Martin, LENA Research Foundation

"Háblame Bebé: An App that Promotes Bilingualism and Reduces the Word Gap"

Melissa Baralt, Háblame Bebé



8:30 am - 9:15 am, Sawatch Hall

"Paying it Forward: The Economics of Closing the Opportunity Gap"

Flávio Cunha, PhD
Professor, Rice University



Flavio Cunha is Professor of Economics at Rice University. He conducts research on the formation of various dimensions of human capital: cognitive and socio-emotional skills as well as health. He also aims to understand how human capital determines long-run economic growth and inequality. He also has contributed to the development of statistical tools that allow researchers to address issues relating to measurement error in the stocks of skills, self-reported health status, and on investments in children. He is leading the NIH-funded Philadelphia Development Study, which aims to understand how parents affect the cognitive, language, and socio-emotional development of their very young first child. He is working on the evaluation of two parenting programs: the PADIN Program in Ceara, Brazil, and the JumpStart Program in Houston. Professor Cunha received his PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago.

9:15 am - 10:15 am, Sawatch Hall

Panel Discussion: "It Takes More than a Village: Scaling to Sustainable Citywide Implementations"

Municipal leaders increasingly recognize the critical role of early childhood language (birth-5) in both human outcomes and economic development. Diverse alliances of community groups, non-profits, and governmental agencies are launching innovative initiatives to make a meaningful and lasting difference. But even programs with strong evidence of effectiveness are often challenged by funding and leadership transitions. This timely panel will address key questions that many conference attendees face, or soon will, as they strive to have a greater impact on their communities.



Yolie Flores
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Tonja Rucker
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Robin Lamott
Sparks
Executive Director,
Coalition for New
Britain's Youth



Emily Bustos
Executive Director,
Denver's Early
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10:30 am - 11:25 am, Sawatch Hall

Interactive Session: "Clearing the Traffic Jams: Solving Challenges in Our Work"

Facilitator: Jess Simmons
Director of Growth Strategy, LENA Research Foundation

This will be an interactive working session with topics you will have helped define. Prior to the session, we will review the challenges facing the field of early language intervention that attendees have shared on social media during the conference. Two of those challenges will be presented to you, as experts in social change, education, healthcare, funding, and research, to discuss and suggest solutions.

11:25 am - 11:50 am, Sawatch Hall

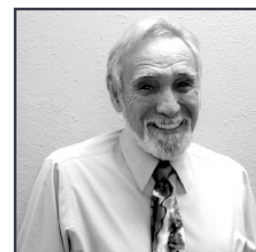
A Conversation with Richard Garcia

Interviewer: Jess Simmons
Director of Growth Strategy, LENA Research Foundation

Richard Garcia
Executive Director (Retired), Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition



Richard has been involved in education since 1970, both as a parent and as a professional. He has six children, 13 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren, so he knows the importance of parental involvement in the education of their children. In 1980, Richard founded the Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition. This organization provides training and technical assistance to parents, schools, and community-based educational organizations on effective family/parent engagement strategies. He has worked extensively in making sure that kids of color, particularly Latino children and their families, have equitable access to education. Richard served on many boards and commissions and continues to serve. He was recently appointed to serve on Governor Hickenlooper's Education Leadership Council. Richard is currently serving on the board of education for Boulder Valley Schools.



11:50 am - Noon, Sawatch Hall

Closing remarks: "Paths to the Future"

Thank you for attending the 2017 LENA Early Language Conference!

Attendees, by Organization

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Kim Warren

Aligned Impact Muscatine

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Ames Public Library

Kay Marner

Ames Public Library

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Arapahoe Libraries

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Bright by Three

Jared Wigdor

Bright by Three

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Gladys Haynes

Buffett Early Childhood Fund

Amy Barry

Buncombe Partnership for Children

Yolie Flores

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Cindy Decker

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Mark Innocenti

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Robin Lamott Sparks

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Tobias Busch

Cochlear Technology Centre / KU Leuven

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Colorado State Library

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Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition

Kathleen Moore

Dayton Metro Library

Lisa Dengerink

Denver Public Library

Kendra Wilhelm

Denver Public Schools

Emily Bustos

Denver's Early Childhood Council

Lilyanna Zmijak

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Marcia Mandel

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Vicki Pugh

Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

Mata Dennis

Early Learning Coalition of Orange County

Chris Sciarrino

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Sheetal Singh

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Piera Causley

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Tammi Graham

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Florida International University

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Hillary Roselund

Jumpstart

Janice Smith

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Pam Collins

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Cindy Zettler-Greeley

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Tracey Sparrow

Next Door

Dawn Koger

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Kevin Slattery

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Stephanie Pagliarini

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Raising Readers in Story County

Carolyn Jons

Raising Readers in Story County

Nikki Shearman

Reach Out and Read

Gregoria Adler

Redlands Christian Migrant Association

Olivia Chopra

Redlands Christian Migrant Association

Sabrina Richemond

Redlands Christian Migrant Association

Flávio Cunha

Rice University

Diana Walsh-Reuss

Riverside County Office of Education

Dolly Goyal

San Mateo County Libraries

Garrett Kuramoto

San Mateo County Libraries

Cilmara Levy

Santa Casa de São Paolo

Jeanette Betancourt

Sesame Workshop

Brad Lego

Sioux City Community

Kim Buryanek

Sioux City Community School District

Debra Andersen

Smart Start Oklahoma

Rebecca Antill

South Carolina State Library

Jean Canosa Albano

Springfield City Library

Shela Blankinship

St. Vrain Valley School District

Richard Martyr

St. Vrain Valley School District

Lisa Lopez

Sunshine Cottage School For Deaf
Children

Lindsay Rodriguez

Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf
Children

Maura Dugan

Texas Children's Hospital



Cynthia Yung

The Boone Family Foundation

Rebecca Brondfield

The Bridgespan Group

Leslie Maloney

The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile,
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