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**FACT SHEET SERIES**

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## **Supporting the Student Achievement in Reading (STAR) Network**

### **Background**

Given the complexity of getting adults to read at the intermediate level there is a need for educators to use evidence-based instructional methods that will help adult learners make substantial gains in their reading skills. The use of evidence-based reading instruction assists adult educators in selecting teaching and learning methods that provides the greatest opportunities for success. Training and technical assistance is needed to help states implement and disseminate evidence based reading practices. The dissemination of evidence based reading practices is critical so that adult learners can participate fully in society.

### **Overview**

The Student Achievement in Reading (STAR) Project is a comprehensive training and professional development package to help Adult Basic Education (ABE) instructors use evidence-based reading instruction in the classroom. STAR is a partnership with states to translate and disseminate evidence-based reading practices. Each state selects several teachers and administrators to receive intensive training on reading strategies and the implementation of a data-driven change model.

The National STAR Training Network encompasses national and state experts in reading instruction, state and federal policymakers, and practitioners. All are working in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education to use evidence-based reading instruction and the STAR model to improve adult reading. The project period runs from September 2008 to September 2011.

### **Project Milestones**

- Operate STAR help desk for state partners, December 2008 – September 2011
- Recruit additional states, September 2010
- Create a STAR Network partner Web site, December 2009
- Conduct Train the Trainer Institutes, January 2009, September 2010, June 2011

### **Outcomes and Products**

- Comprehensive training and technical assistance for partner states.
- STAR training resources, tool kit, newsletters, help desk for partner states.

### **Web site**

<http://www.startoolkit.org>

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