

HUSKY READS

LITERACY: A NATIONAL PRIORITY

Among individuals with low literacy skills	70%	Do not have full time jobs
	43%	Live in poverty
	17%	Receive food stamps

A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

People at lower reading levels are **1.5 to 3 times more likely to experience adverse health outcomes** than people who read at higher levels -- DeWalt, et al. 2004

Widest education gap in the nation:
CONNECTICUT



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OUR MISSION

To improve literacy and basic nutrition knowledge by reading health-themed books to and sampling healthy snacks with preschool children living in under resourced areas in Connecticut

OUR APPROACH

Husky Reads (NUSC 1161/EKIN 1160) is a service learning experience for UConn students. Each week we visit preschools with topic related materials to read, play games, and have fun while introducing children to healthy new foods. More than 425 students have participated since 2000.

OUR IMPACT

2011 – 2012 Academic Year
79 UConn students
1,496 Preschool children
3,830 Community Outreach Hours

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