

*Currently, 8,000 students in El Paso County are not reading at grade level.*

*In the next ten years, 97% of all jobs will require a high school education or more.*

*Forty percent of fourth grade students in Colorado are failing to meet state reading standards, and more than fifty percent are not meeting state writing standards.*

*This translates into thousands of at-risk youth not succeeding in school, not reaching their full potential, and not obtaining the future that they deserve.*

The Children's Literacy Center *Peak Reader* program results in a 95% success rate, providing program participants a solid reading foundation essential to them now and in the future. The *Peak Reader* addresses today's important educational issues - phonics, reading comprehension, writing, student achievement, school accountability and the meeting of state standards and National Literacy Strategies.

Community volunteers from age 14 to seniors, who have a desire to help children struggling with reading, become trained in our *Peak Reader* program and work individually with each child, teaching them to unlock the meaning of words and giving them the assistance to develop independent reading strategies. Tutors give the youths the confidence they need to succeed. The ability to read and learn guarantees economic security and social stability in our neighborhoods and communities.

With the help of our community, and by the efforts of our amazing volunteers, we are working to improve the lives of the youth of our community...ONE Child at a Time.