

While Learning Together components are competitive with other programs, they also offer savings that are not as obvious.

- **The single most effective strategy for assuring AYP.** We have proven success in targeting children at critical transitional points, making our programs **the strategy** for making necessary gains and avoiding the 10 percent slippage.
- **Tap existing resources.** Our programs meet many national, state and local funding requirements, allowing you to make the most of your school dollars.
- **High-quality materials at reasonable costs.** Student materials average \$59.60 per child (per year, averaged over five years). In addition to the guidebooks used by tutors and activity books used by tutees, each pair receives 25 trade books that may be shared and enjoyed in the regular classroom.
- **Significant human resource savings.** Our interventions can be effectively delivered by a quarter-time in-service teacher – rather than a full-time reading specialist – for an estimated salary savings of \$50,000 annually. This part-time employee can positively impact as many as 120 students in a year.
- **Positive impact on rates of attendance and graduation.** This can translate into significant savings for your district
- **Reduction of retention rates.** Cutting your rate of retention by a little as 1 percent through an effective mentoring program would produce a significant savings.
- **Effective replacement for expensive intervention programs.** Our programs can be used successfully to:
 - *help LEP children transition into mainstream services.* We have the results to show it we are the ideal intervention for this large population of intermediate to advanced ELL students.
 - *support Reading Recovery or older children at risk of falling behind.* These students may require acceleration in second and third grades, or as upper-elementary grade tutors, and possibly in middle school.
 - *target low-need special education children who are at a high risk of requiring an IEP plan.* These same children also have a high incidence of lower attendance and retention. For these children, we offer the right support at the right time.
- **Reasonable training costs.** Train coordinators for \$250 each (based on standard on-site training for 20 coordinators). Professional development is an essential component to your continuous improvement efforts. At the same time, a large number of children must receive acceleration. Your reading specialist can continue working with teachers throughout the school, and focus on the lowest-performing students; your Learning Together coordinator will ensure the proper intervention for a broad band of children, to accelerate academic growth and ensure NCLB and AYP compliance.
- **Reduction of teacher turnover.** Your exposure year-to-year teacher turnover can have a profound economic impact on school costs. Learning Together will continue to produce excellent results every year, insuring a degree of stability in school performance.