



Literacy:  
Learning for Life.  
L'alphabétisation,  
Une leçon pour la vie.

## How Do Frontier College Programs Impact Canadian Children and Youth?

**Frontier College Vision: a leading and results-driven literacy service partner.**

Frontier College serves children, youth and adults, primarily living in low-income and under-served communities, who want to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. We deliver programs in collaboration with community partners and volunteers.



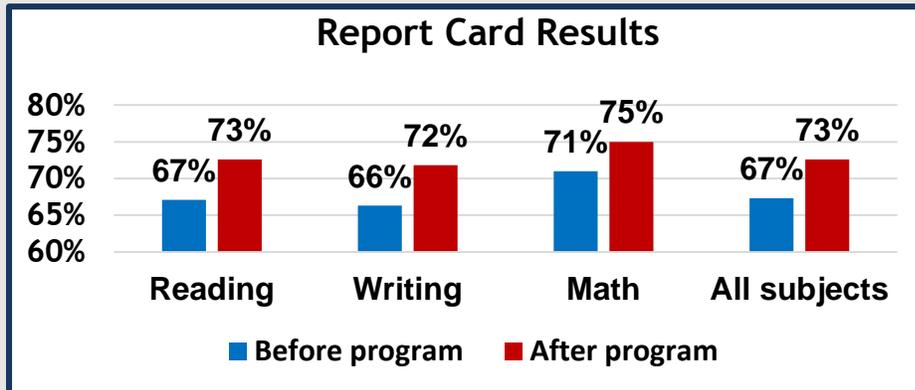
Our programs enable students to:

- ✓ Achieve greater academic success
- ✓ Increase self-confidence
- ✓ Improve their skills
- ✓ Be more engaged in learning
- ✓ Achieve their learning goals

### Program Impact

- **Report Card Marks Improve:** Frontier College collected report card marks on 115 students in our programs. **64%** of these students improved their report card marks in **at least one subject** (reading, writing & math) **AND** their overall average increased from **67% to 73%**.
- **Fewer students struggle in school:** At the start of the program, **14%** of these students had a D average. At the end of the program, only **5%** had a D average.
- **Reading Levels Increase:** Frontier College conducted Reading Assessments with 288 students. These students improved their reading level by an average of **0.9 grade levels** within 5 months.
- **Students expand their personal strengths:** **85%** of students improved their personal strengths in **one or more areas**, such as classroom behaviour, coping skills, creativity and community engagement.
- **Math skills improve:** students moved from **below average** to **average** ability in computational skills after participating in a Frontier College program.

“The effects [of after school programs] are **greatest** for those children who are in **greatest need** and who have the **least number of options**. Evidence for beneficial effects is strongest for low-income children, children in urban or high-crime neighbourhoods, younger children and boys.”<sup>i</sup>



**86%** of educators rate the Frontier College programs as very good or excellent and state that the programs have a positive impact on the students.

It costs, on average, \$96,000 to imprison **one** young person for a year<sup>1</sup>. For the cost of imprisoning **28** youth, Frontier College is able to run over **220** programs that positively impact **6000** children and youth throughout Canada each year. The key to sustaining this impact is to ensure that programs are longstanding and well respected in the community.

## Aboriginal Programs

- **89%** of parents said their child was **reading more at home** as a result of attending an Aboriginal Summer Literacy Camp.
- **76%** of teachers and administrators said that camp **improved school readiness** in their students.
- **92%** of teachers and administrators would encourage children to attend camp next year
- **Early results from a northern literacy pilot project** show that the **vast majority** of students who participate in a year-round tutoring program improved their report card marks in **at least one subject** (reading, writing & math).



<sup>i</sup> Hanvey, L. (n.d.) *Issues Affecting the Well-Being of Canadian Children in the Middle Years - 6 to 12: A Discussion Paper* (p. 15). Ottawa, ON: National Children’s Alliance.

<sup>1</sup> Community Safety and Crime Prevention Council (2007). *Youth Crime Fact Sheet Canada*. Waterloo, ON: Author.