



Reading and Talking Together

Promoting Research-Based Practice in Parent-Child Interactive Literacy Activities

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Dr. Mendelsohn is the Medical Director of the Bellevue Hospital Center Reach Out and Read Program, and the Director of Provider Training for Reach Out and Read Coalition of Greater New York. In 2001, Dr. Mendelsohn received the Reach Out and Read Hero Award from the Reach Out and Read Coalition of Greater New York. His research has focused on language, literacy and cognitive development in high risk preschool children, and the potential for improved developmental outcomes through interventions that focus on parent-child verbal interaction.