



Jumpstart corps members from UCI play activities with children to help improve language, literacy and social skills. Photo courtesy of Jumpstart.

# JUMPSTART

## INVESTIGATE

Jumpstart is a national outreach program with a site location at UC Irvine through the School of Social Sciences that trains and pairs undergraduate mentors with pre-school students to enhance development of language, literacy and social skills. The program also promotes family involvement in the mentees' educational goals and achievements by keeping parents updated on progress and providing activities they can work on together at home.

The program's home visitors help parents to become their children's first and most important teachers.

## INNOVATE

By playing games, reading books, singing songs and participating in other group activities with their mentees, UCI Jumpstart corps members help participants improve language, literacy and social skills.

## IMPACT

In eight years of operation, UCI's site station, championed by cognitive scientist Virginia Mann, has provided mentors to nearly 600 pre-school students in the local Orange County area. Nationally, nearly 15,000 children across 20 states are being reached through the program each year. More than 90 UCI undergraduate students participate in the program each year.

In 2009, UCI undergraduate Emilio Rodriguez was one of only five volunteers out of the 4,000 member national organization selected for the Spirit of Service award in recognition of his efforts that went above and beyond the Jumpstart mission to make a lasting and profound impact in the community.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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