



- Founded in 2002
- More than 90 UCI undergraduate students participate in the program each year
- Clients served: More than 600 OC pre-school students
- 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

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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.

investigate

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.

innovate

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.

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