

# *Virginia Vaccine for Children Program Awards...*

## ***Centra Southside Farmville Medical Clinic As an Immunization Champion On this day, October 27, 2010***

Dr. Ibtehal Al-Ani is a VVFC provider located in Farmville, Virginia. Dr. Al-Ani joined the Centra Southside Farmville Medical Clinic in July 2008. By October 2008, the practice was enrolled in the VVFC program. During the year that followed, the practice transitioned to an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. The new system helped manage their rapidly growing practice which quintupled by 2010.

While reaching these milestones, medical assistant Belinda Tracey and Dr. Al-Ani established a partnership with the Reach Out and Read Program. Reach Out and Read is a non-profit organization founded in 1989 at Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center). Through Reach Out and Read, new books are provided to children to promote literacy and school readiness. Giving age-appropriate books provides a great opportunity for children to begin learning at a young age. Over the last two years, approximately 4,000 books have been enjoyed by Dr. Al-Ani's patients through Reach Out and Read.

**Children**