

Testimonials



Mission

The Raising A Reader mission is to foster healthy brain development, parent-child bonding and early literacy skills critical for school success by engaging parents in a routine of daily "book cuddling" with their children from birth to age five.



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"Raising A Reader is based on the best research on early reading. The program reaches into the home to help parents create the literacy-rich environment that has been shown in research to foster high levels of literacy skills."

**-Professor Deborah Stipek, Dean,
Stanford University School of Education**

"One local mother told me that her 8 year-old could not read and that she herself did not graduate from high school, but that her 4 year-old was learning to read because of Raising A Reader. She also shared that because of Raising A Reader, she was learning to read and she had been inspired to go back to school to get her GED."

**- Sarah Bishop, Success by 6 Director,
United Way of Southampton Roads, Norfolk, VA**

"Raising a Reader helps children and families prepare for the challenges of organizing and turning in homework on the date it is due. The book bags teach children to keep school materials stored in an orderly manner and the fact bags are rotated means that children and families need to return the books on time. Both of these skills are critical to success in the school years."

**- Elizabeth Acosta-Crocker, Director of Children & Family Services,
Unity Council, Oakland, CA**

"As we engaged our community in conversation about school readiness, we learned that there is no universally accepted formula for preparing children for school. However, all the stakeholders agreed that nurturing pre-literacy skills and a love of reading are critical to a child's success, and that Raising A Reader effectively addresses those goals."

**-Della Hodson, Director of Community Impact,
United Way of Kern County, Bakersfield, CA**

"Raising A Reader gives Spanish speaking parents the ability to practice reading basic English in the privacy of their home which begins to build confidence to read outside the home."

**- Dawn Ryan, Preschool teacher,
Aspen, CO**

"The books and bags that go home with my 4 year-old daughter have helped my 7 year-old son just as much. He was behind in reading and below grade level in school. When the Raising A Reader books came home, he read them to my daughter every week. The books are helping and now he is at grade level with his reading. My daughter is using her finger like the teacher shows us and she knows what the books say from her imagination. She will be ready for kinder when she is five."

**- Teresa, Mother, Migrant Education Even Start,
Santa Cruz County, CA**