

**The ability to read
impacts every area of
our lives.**

**Recently Morton
Warnow of Modern
Deaf Communication
has announced there is a
90% illiteracy rates
among the deaf
communities in
California.**

**Literacy among the deaf
communities has a ripple
effect. It's not about
reading a book. It's
about functioning in the
world. It's about being
able to fill out job
applications, use a
computer or ATM,
ordering from a menu,
and communicating with
people in the event of an
emergency.**

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**READING
IS
POWER!**

**DEAF
LITERACY
PROGRAM**



**ORANGE COUNTY
DEAF
ADVOCACY
CENTER**

Deaf adults who need improve literacy skills themselves can not provide the tools and the skills their children will need to help them succeed in school. Children of deaf adults (CODA) who are functionally illiterate are 4 times more likely as their friends to be functionally illiterate.

For those deaf people whose first language is signing, learning to read and write in English constitutes learning a second language with a different grammar, lexicon, and syntax.

Deaf community member's lack of exposure to spoken language makes teaching

traditional sound-letter correspondence difficult, if not impossible.

Our Reading Is Power! program works to eliminate illiteracy in the deaf communities by providing a personalized, context based, goal oriented literacy tutoring.

Reading gives deaf adults a voice in their lives, helps them access facts to reduce rumor-mongering so that they can decide independently on what to make use of the information receive and a bridge to learning more things.

The causes of illiteracy in the deaf communities has

always been open to debate for a long time.

Approximately 3 million deaf people in California are not able to read this brochure.

Our Reading Is Power Program services:

Basic reading and writing skills for the deaf community members

English as a second language for ASL speakers

Lessons are completely confidential.