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Shared Reading Project: Keys to Success Training for Site Coordinators

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The Shared Reading Project is a nationally acclaimed program that helps promote early literacy in young deaf and hard of hearing children. It brings together deaf tutors with families of young deaf and hard of hearing children. Through this five-day training program participants will learn the skills necessary to set up the Shared Reading Project at their own schools or programs. Additional information is enclosed.

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About the Shared Reading Project...

The Shared Reading Project (SRP) is the highly successful program that teaches parents and caregivers of young deaf and hard of hearing children effective strategies for reading books together with their children. Deaf tutors are matched with the families, and the tutors teach parents and caregivers how to read effectively to their children using sign language.

A deaf tutor visits the home of a deaf and hard of hearing child, and demonstrates to family members how to read a popular children's book to the child. Family members practice signing the book, and they receive feedback from the tutor. Family members then read the book to the child as the tutor watches and offers helpful hints.

At the end of each weekly session, the tutor provides the family with a book bag. The bag contains a copy of the book, a videotaped ASL translation that family members can use for practice, a bookmark with tips for reading to deaf children, and an "activity guide" with activities that the family can do together related to the particular book for that week.

For more information about the Shared Reading Project or see our website at:
<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Literacy/srp/index.html>

About the training program...

The Shared Reading Project: Keys to Success is a five-day training program of special interest to educators, administrators, and parent leaders. It is designed to prepare site coordinators to establish the SRP at their own schools or programs. Through the course, participants learn to:

- use the 15 principles for reading to deaf and hard of hearing children;
- recruit, hire, and train deaf adults to be tutors;
- market the SRP to families;
- work effectively with parents, caregivers, educators, and tutors; and
- plan for and manage the SRP budget, personnel needs, and program evaluation.

Participants in the program receive a wealth of materials, including a set of instructional videotapes, that will be useful to them in setting up the Shared Reading Project at their respective sites.

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We look forward to hearing from you!