

The Reading Report

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Reading ASSIST[®] Institute (RAI) was established in 1989 as a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the literacy skills of children at risk for reading failure. For over twenty-one years, RAI's Volunteer Tutor Program has helped thousands of at-risk Delaware children in grades K-3 learn to read using its phonetic, structured language approach to reading instruction.

RAI is proud to be a partner with the State of Delaware in its commitment to the literacy of all of its citizens. RAI takes seriously its responsibility to the entire state, and recently opened an office and training/tutoring center in Milford, Delaware in order to better serve students, families and schools in Kent and Sussex counties.

While RAI has worked tirelessly over the past 21 years to improve the literacy of ALL Delaware's young struggling readers, the need is great, as the numbers below make clear. These data represent the need not only for continued services at the current level, but for an expansion of services to all children in Delaware in need of the individual, research based instruction that RAI provides **at no cost to families, schools or school districts**.

39,231	The number of children K-3 in Delaware's Public Schools
7 to 10	The percentage of children who research says require individualized, research based interventions to learn to read.
2,746	The number of children represented by 7% of Delaware's K-3 enrollment who are likely to require direct, intensive, explicit instruction to become successful readers.
250	The number of students currently served by RAI's Volunteer Tutor Program statewide.
160	The number of current active tutors in the Volunteer Tutor Program
90-120	The number of yearly interventions that each student receives free of charge from RAI's trained tutors
\$346,000	The amount that it would cost school districts collectively to pay for comparable tutoring services at RAI's current level of involvement. <u>This amount does NOT include additional costs that RAI assumes, such as lesson preparation time, testing costs, HR or oversight costs, continuing education, or materials.</u>

According to RAI's 2010 Report of Student Achievement, 83% of students in the Volunteer Tutor Program in 2009-2010 demonstrated improvement in reading skills

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