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ALSO
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I am writing in support of the ASL RAPP project. I understand that ALSO has received project funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to create a web portal for ASL RAPP in addition to obtaining the copyright permissions to sell the ASL RAPP packs.

Durham Deaf Services is a non-profit organization that offers services and educational programs to promote self-reliance within the Deaf, deafened and hard of hearing community. We are committed to increasing Deaf cultural awareness. Our agency works to provide children's recreational and instructional programs to develop communication and social skills for Deaf and non-verbal children in the community. Our aim is to promote integration of the two communities – Deaf and hearing, and to prevent feelings of separation and isolation. I feel that the ASL RAPP program would be a benefit to the families involved in our Family Communication Program and would be a great resource to use.

Durham Deaf Services would be very interested in purchasing the ASL RAPP packs or a membership to the web portal. Increased access to these terrific family literacy resources would greatly benefit the families we serve. There are very few suitable resources currently available for our instructors and families to use.

We are excited about ALSO upscaling the ASL RAPP project and reaching out to families and programs across Ontario.

Sincerely,


Yvonne Brown
Executive Director