

## Literacy Programs to Promote Growth for:

- **Independence**
- **Employment Skills**
- **School Skills**

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## Deaf Literacy Initiative

A bright, vibrant organization, the Deaf Literacy Initiative empowers the Deaf and Deaf-Blind community everyday. We assist them in reaching literacy goals they never imagined.

Deaf Literacy Initiative is a provincial umbrella organization that provides accessible and culturally relevant training, research, networking and resources to the Deaf and Deaf-Blind literacy communities.



## Our Vision

It is our vision to be:

*“A world leader providing professional expertise and innovations in specialized literacy services to the Deaf and Deaf-Blind community and other coalitions.”*

## Our Mission

Deaf Literacy Initiative leads in:

- Developing accessible and accredited training for practitioners and learners in the Deaf and Deaf-Blind literacy agencies.
- Undertaking consultation, research, and technology initiatives that advance the Deaf and Deaf-Blind field.
- Producing accessible and culturally relevant learning resources.
- Promoting and supporting the needs of Deaf and Deaf-Blind literacy communities.

*“Thank you for your inspirations  
by helping me to make a  
difference with learners”*  
– from a practitioner  
– Deaf & Deaf-blind stream

## Our Community

The Deaf Literacy Initiative is all about providing teachers and mentors with tools and resources that give them the skills required to teach their Deaf and Deaf-Blind learners how to grow, how to break out of their silence and how to accomplish achievable objectives.

Currently, there are fifteen locations throughout Ontario offering various programs for Deaf and Deaf-Blind adults. The following eight agencies are operating day and evening literacy programs designed specifically for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind.

- Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf
- The Canadian Hearing Society
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind
- Durham Deaf Services
- George Brown College
- Mohawk College
- Alternative Learning Styles and Outlooks
- Windsor Public Library

*“Thank you for changing my life”*  
– a learner from  
Mohawk College – DEP