Literacy is Supported by Rich Language of the Home and Heart

Listening → Language → Literacy → Reading → Writing

- All children—especially those who are deaf or hard of hearing—benefit from language exposure rich in quantity and quality (Language Nutrition).
- Families are most successful in building their child’s literacy when they are comfortable when talking with their child.
- Research shows the benefit of home language on a child’s learning and social/emotional well-being.
- Listening allows children to hear the sounds of language, facilitating reading and writing.

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