**Sustainability Planning Worksheet**

**Initial Investment**

Raising A Reader Affiliate organizations make a sizable initial investment in Raising A Reader (RAR).

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| **# of Children Served** **2019-2020** | **Calculation: # of Children Served x $115** | **Estimated Total Initial Investment in Raising A Reader ($$)** |
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**Protecting Your Investment**

RAR was designed so that the program costs for implementation over multiple years are built into the initial investment. The cost to sustain the program and protect this initial investment is much less for subsequent years of the program.

Blue library bags are essential to promoting a meaningful library connection and need to be purchased each year. **In addition, the average RAR program experiences a 10% loss rate each year.** Refresher sets are designed to refresh your collection with new titles to replace those lost or damaged.

**Budgeting for Success**

Affiliates need to build sustainability costs into their budgets each year. The following chart will help you to estimate the amount you will need to budget for sustaining a quality RAR program at your organization.

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| **RAR Item** | **Unit Amount** | **How to Calculate Amount Needed** | **Amount Required** | **Total** |
| Blue Bags | $7 | 1 per child |  |  |
| Refresher Sets | ~$75  | # children x 0.10 *(loss rate)* |  |  |
| Pocket Chart Refresher Materials | $12 | 1 per classroom |  |  |
| **TOTAL:** |  |  |  |  |