

Challenging Inequalities & Inequities



An Example of the DA's Office Addressing Inequality and Inequity in Our Communities

THE PROBLEM

- ➡ **1/2** of all young adults with criminal records have reading problems¹
- ➡ **7 out of 10** inmates in state prison perform at the lowest literacy levels²
- ➡ California Department of Corrections has used **4th grade reading levels** as a factor in determining the number of jail cells required in the future.³

The DA's Office recognizes that the issue of illiteracy is one of the major inequities in our community and has a significant impact upon those who are involved in the criminal justice system.

THE SOLUTION

We at the DA's Office are committed to addressing the issue of illiteracy in our society for we believe education is fundamental right for all children, and literacy is the key to opening an abundance of doors of opportunity.

