



Learn in the Classroom

The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) has a list of resources for learning American Sign Language. These include:

- Community-Based ASL Classes
- High Schools Offering ASL Classes
- Colleges Offering ASL Classes
- Interpreter Training Programs

Information on learning ASL in Virginia is listed at the bottom of this webpage: <https://www.vddhh.org/outreach.htm>

About This Publication

The American Sign Language Resources in Virginia Brochure provides information on American Sign Language (ASL).

The American Sign Language Resources in Virginia brochure can be found at:

www.centerforfamilyinvolvementblog.org

If You Need Additional Information...



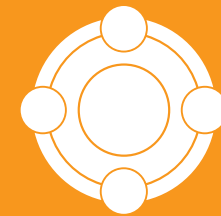
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ATTENTION PARENTS: Talk to other parents who have walked in your shoes! We will help you find family friendly information on hearing loss, discover communication options, and utilize services in your community. We look forward to your call!

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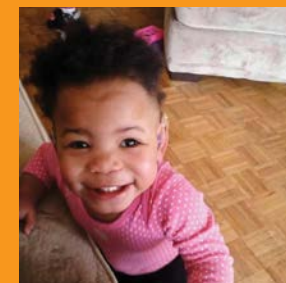
NEW: View short videos titled, "1-3-6 Family Educators" as they talk about their children with hearing losses.

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American Sign Language Resources

What is American Sign Language?

American Sign Language (ASL) is a visual language. The shape, placement, and movement of the hands, as well as facial expressions and body movements, all contribute to communicating information.

<https://www.nad.org/resources/american-sign-language/what-is-american-sign-language/>

History of American Sign Language

The history of American Sign Language began in 1814 with Dr. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. Dr. Gallaudet was a minister who started the first free public school for the Deaf in Connecticut.

<https://www.startasl.com/history-of-american-sign-language/>

When and Where Do I Start?

You can start learning at any time! A few parents start using sign language at birth, some begin when their baby is able to sit up alone, and others may wait until their child is older. When you begin using ASL with your child, pick a few easy signs. Be consistent with signs. Use those signs directly before, during or after an activity. Visit the website below to learn more about the ASL learning process.

<https://www.startasl.com/baby-sign-language/>

Why Sign Language?

Early language experiences in natural daily routines are important for all children. ASL gives a child early visual communication skills and can help establish a foundation for language (signed or spoken).

<https://www.mydeafchild.org/learn-asl>

Parents & Families

When your child has been identified as deaf or hard of hearing, how do you make decisions that are right for your child and family? The American Society of Deaf Children provides information through their website:

<https://deafchildren.org/parents-and-families/>

Parent Information Package

Access a toolkit of research-based information for families with deaf and hard-of-hearing children. Learn all about American Sign Language and ASL/English bilingualism.

<https://vl2parentspackage.org/>

10 Starter ASL Sign Language Signs to Help Parents Communicate with Babies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9x9rDD24Zak>

Search in the App Store (Apple) or Google Play Store (Android) to find these helpful ASL apps.

Learn Online

ASL American Sign Language

American Sign Language is a resource site for ASL students and teachers. Learn online with a teacher or take self-study lessons.

<http://www.lifeprint.com/>

ASL Deafined

Learn ASL through video lessons online.

<https://www.asldeafined.com/>

ASL Nook

Deaf family teaches ASL in a casual way.

<http://www.aslnook.com/>

ASL Pro

ASL Dictionary.

<http://www.aslpro.com/>

Baby Sign Language

Parents teach infants and toddlers early communication skills.

<https://www.babysignlanguage.com/>

Family ASL Lessons

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind offers sign language videos for the family.

<https://vsdb.k12.va.us/outreach/asl-video/>

Handspeak

Online sign language resource with ASL essentials in one place – dictionary, tutorials, fingerspelling and more.

<https://www.handspeak.com/>

Sign It! American Sign Language Made Easy

Talented ASL professionals teach at your pace.

<https://www.signitasl.com>

Sign It! Signing Time

Lessons for babies, children 3+, and their parents. Free for families who have a child 0-36 months of age who has any type of hearing loss.

<https://www.mydeafchild.org/>

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

Gallaudet is the world's only university designed to be barrier free for students who are deaf and hard of hearing. They offer extensive classes in ASL both online and in the classroom.

<https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl.html>

ASL Connect from Gallaudet

Learn basic ASL for free.

<https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect>

Sign Language 101

Learn Sign Language online.

<https://www.signlanguage101.com/>

SignOn

Practice ASL online in real time with Deaf adults.

<https://signonconnect.com>

SignOn: Friends Like Me Program

Connects your deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) child with other DHH kids who are the same age.

<https://signonconnect.com/friends-like-me/>

Start ASL

Instructor-supported ASL classes.

<https://www.startasl.com/>

Learn on Apps



The ASL App

Learn 2000+ signs that focus on conversational ASL.

Apple | Android



ASL Coach

For beginners – learn the alphabet and basic numbers.

Apple Only



ASL Fingerspelling Practice

Watch as words are fingerspelled then type what you saw.

Apple Only



ASL with Care Bears

Learn common signs, popular phrases, and the ASL alphabet.

Apple Only



Marlee Signs

Learn the basics of ASL from Oscar-winner Marlee Matlin.

Apple Only



Mimix3D

Interprets English into ASL with a 3D animated character.

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