

American Sign Language Resource List

If your child is deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH), learning American Sign Language (ASL) as a family can be incredibly beneficial for their communication, social development and overall well-being.

Types of ASL Programs

- **At School:** Some public and private schools offer ASL as part of their curriculum.
- **Community Programs:** Many communities offer ASL classes through local organizations, community centers, or private tutors.
- **Online Programs:** Online options are available for remote learning...many of which are free of charge.

ASL Programs at School

- Contact your school district, visit the website or contact the administration of your local school district. They will have information on ASL programs and resources within your district.
- Ask about the Regional Day School Programs for the Deaf (RDSPD) in Texas.

Support Your Child's Learning

- **Encouraging practice:** Encourage daily practice of ASL at home as a family!
- **Engage with the program:** Participate in classes with your child (if available) and attend any parent meetings or events related to the program.
- **Provide feedback:** Give feedback to your program administrators if needed, and communicate about your child's progress.

Get support and community

American Society for Deaf Children

Supports parents of children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing
800-942-2732
deafchildren.org

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS), Texas Health and Human Services

Center for awareness and education on deaf and hard of hearing issues and services in Texas
Voice: 512-438-4880, Videophone: 512-410-1387
hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/deaf-hard-hearing

Hands & Voices

Parent-led, professionally-collaborative organization dedicated to serving families with children who are D/HH
(303) 492-6283
handsandvoices.org

National Association of the Deaf

Nation's premier civil rights organization for D/HH individuals
301-587-1788
nad.org

The Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center at Gallaudet University

Liberal arts university for D/HH students with outreach programs for kids K-12 and their families
202-651-5051
clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/ndec/

Online ASL learning

Learn basic ASL by topic

Online via Gallaudet University
gallaudet.edu/asl-connect/topics

Sign Language 101

signlanguage101.com

Family Signs from Texas School for the Deaf

Online sign language instruction program for families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing
texasdeafed.org/apps/pages/familysigns

YouTube Lessons

American Sign Language University
Resource site for ASL students, teachers, interpreters, and parents of deaf children
Bill Vicars
youtube.com/user/billvicars



Additional Information for
Patients and Families



Texas Children's
Hospital