



New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ASL Development for Children Ages 0-5 Services

Did you know that your deaf or hard of hearing child can receive language acquisition services through an ASL Deaf Language Associate? Read here to learn more about this exciting new program funded by the NJ DHS Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

An **ASL Deaf Language Associate** will support children who are deaf or hard of hearing, and their families in childcare settings, homes, pre-schools, or other applicable programs.

What is an ASL Deaf Language Associate?

- A Deaf adult with experience working with young children/babies/toddlers.
- Has strong communication skills and is able to interact and develop rapport with children, adults in the child care setting, and the parents of the child.
- Has advanced ASL proficiency skills to provide a fluent language model for the child.
- Provides supplementary services to support the child's educational plan, and development.
- Has knowledge of and participates in Deaf community events.
- Able to follow curriculum guidelines, maintain records, and submit regular reports.



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