

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN: **BECOME AN ASL DEAF LANGUAGE ASSOCIATE**

What is an American Sign Language Deaf Language Associate?

An American Sign Language (ASL) Deaf Language Associate (DLA) is an individual who supports children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind, and families in childcare centers, pre-school programs, in-home, and other applicable settings.

Why become an ASL DLA?

- Foster development of skills to become independent and self-confident
- Teach ownership of communication to build a sense of self identity
- Advocate to understand and embrace unique identities and experiences

Responsibilities:

- Provide interactive communication to stimulate growth in vocabulary and linguistic structures
- Facilitate learning through making activities and curriculum accessible
- Act as language and socialization models to deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind children
- Foster and guide children in developing independence and self-confidence

Qualifications:

- Deaf or hard of hearing adult, with fluency in ASL and a strong understanding of deaf culture
- Knowledge of and regular participation in Deaf community events
- Experience working with young children
- SLPI (Sign Language Proficiency Interview Rating) Advanced Plus or ASLPI (American Sign Language Proficiency Interview) Rating 4
- Reliable transportation
- Available Monday through Friday, up to 25 hours per week

How to apply:

Send a resume to the:

DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov include the SLPI or ASLPI rating score, if available

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