

## Learn on Apps



### ASL American Sign Language

Alphabet, Numbers, Basic Signs and Games.

Apple: <https://tinyurl.com/5x5ev5ff>  
Android: <https://tinyurl.com/yw6tmmat>



### The ASL App

Learn Conversational ASL - made by Deaf people.

Apple: <https://tinyurl.com/3z9spvc7>  
Android: <https://tinyurl.com/yxcxcxfch>



### ASL Bloom

Introduces Grammar and Dictionary.

Apple + Android: [www.aslbloom.com](http://www.aslbloom.com)



### ASL Sign Language Pocket Sign

Video Sign Language ASL Packed in small-sized video lessons.

Apple: <https://tinyurl.com/w37z77yk>  
Android: <https://tinyurl.com/4bsx4b33>



*While members of the deaf community have varied backgrounds and experiences, they are drawn together by the use of American Sign Language (ASL), the value they place on visual communication, and their shared experiences.*

National Association of the Deaf (NAD)  
Sign Language for Parents  
<https://tinyurl.com/k56jb354>



### Lingvano Learn Sign Language

ASL Videos taught by Deaf teachers.

Apple: <https://tinyurl.com/4wc3nc3u>  
Android: <https://tinyurl.com/5r8fhxf>



### VL2 Storybook Apps

Stories told by fluent Deaf Storytellers in ASL and English.

iPad Only: [www.vl2storybookapps.com/digital-library](http://www.vl2storybookapps.com/digital-library)

## Resources for Families

### Bringing Families Together through ASL - The American Society for Deaf Children

[https://youtu.be/RONDYU30\\_iw](https://youtu.be/RONDYU30_iw)

### Deaf Mentors Project - Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Deaf Mentors are Deaf adult role models providing direct services to families of Deaf children in their homes and natural environment. Deaf Mentors provide a bilingual approach to ASL and English language acquisition, connecting the Deaf and hearing cultures. Check with VDDHH for availability and eligibility.

[www.vddhh.virginia.gov/outreach.htm](http://www.vddhh.virginia.gov/outreach.htm)

### Family ASL Video Lessons

Offers sign language videos for families.

[www.vfdb.k12.va.us/page/family-asl-lessons](http://www.vfdb.k12.va.us/page/family-asl-lessons)

### Family Information Package - Gallaudet University

This resource includes VL2's (Early Visual Language) latest research on deaf children. It relays information about the benefits of sign language, visual-based learning, and bilingualism to the deaf child and their family.

<https://tinyurl.com/mr2na7ne>

### Questions About ASL and Your Child's Hearing Loss?



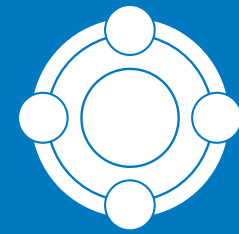
Talk to other parents who have walked in your shoes! They will help you find family-friendly information on hearing loss, discover communication options, and find services in your community. Call the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Family Navigator at the **VCU Center for Family Involvement**.



**CENTER FOR FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

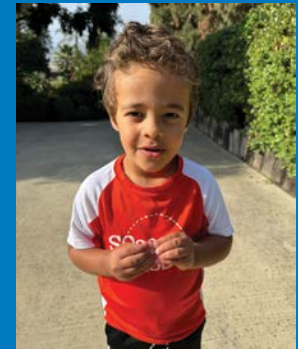
**877.567.1122**

**WWW.CFI.PARTNERSHIP.VCU.EDU**



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## American Sign Language Resources in Virginia



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# American Sign Language Resources

## What is American Sign Language (ASL)?

ASL is a visual language that does not rely on speech or sound. The shape, placement, movement of the hands, along with facial expressions and body movements are used to communicate effectively in American Sign Language. ASL can be used with children with or without amplification to ensure full language and communication access to their environment. Infants who are deaf or hard of hearing will acquire ASL through purposeful exposure. American Sign Language is a complete language.

## Why American Sign Language?

Early accessible language is vital for the growth and development of all children, especially children who are deaf and hard of hearing. Accessible languages that do not rely on sound, such as ASL, help develop communication and language when a child is deaf or hard of hearing regardless of whether amplification devices are used. Children exposed to American Sign Language sign their first words at approximately six to eight months old. Learning American Sign Language will not interfere with a child's ability to utilize listening and spoken language. A good foundation in ASL often leads to increased language fluency, literacy skills, social interactions, and academic performance later in life.

<https://tinyurl.com/dy2ycjaa>

## Where can we learn American Sign Language?

Fluent ASL signers in the Deaf community are valuable resources for learning ASL. Local colleges (community or university) and community organizations, such as the local parks and recreation centers, may offer American Sign Language (ASL) classes for people of all ages. Online resources, such as sign language classes, apps, and videos are also available. This brochure gives options to help you learn American Sign Language.

## How do I start?

Starting early is important and can start with simple words like more, milk, eat, and all done. You can put two signs together such as "milk" + "all done" and grow your child's language as they grow. These signs help your child communicate their needs. Make it fun - practice American Sign Language in your daily life and activities.

# Learn In Person

## Chesterfield County Adult Continuing Education (Chesterfield County, VA)

American Sign Language Classes: <https://tinyurl.com/tefxpfc3>

## Gallaudet University (Washington, DC)

American Sign Language - Online + In Person | Learn ASL at Gallaudet: [www.gallaudet.edu/asl/](http://www.gallaudet.edu/asl/)

## Northern Virginia Community College (Campuses located throughout Virginia)

ASL Classes + Interpreter Degrees | American Sign Language: <https://tinyurl.com/ya74vypv>

## Reynolds Community College (Richmond, VA)

American Sign Language - English Interpretation AAS (640): <https://tinyurl.com/ynn4kmjy>

## Virginia Highlands Community College (Abingdon, VA)

American Sign Language - Career Studies Certificate: [www.vhcc.edu/american-sign-language-csc](http://www.vhcc.edu/american-sign-language-csc)

## VA Department for the Deaf + Hard of Hearing

2024 Directory of Services for People who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind

Sign Language Classes + Classes for Interpreter Training

Community Services: [www.vddhh.virginia.gov/outreach.htm](http://www.vddhh.virginia.gov/outreach.htm)

**CHECK YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE/CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ASL COURSES**

# Learn Online

## American Sign Language University

Self-study materials, lessons and resources.

[www.lifeprint.com](http://www.lifeprint.com)

## ASL Champs

Real-time online classes.

[www.aslchamps.org](http://www.aslchamps.org)

## ASL Connect at Gallaudet University

Learn ASL and Deaf Studies/Courses.

[www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect](http://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect)

## ASLdeafined

Learn ASL through video lessons online.

[www.asldeafined.com/sign-language-classes](http://www.asldeafined.com/sign-language-classes)

## ASL Nook

Deaf family teaches ASL in a casual way.

[www.aslnook.com](http://www.aslnook.com)

## MyASLTech

myASLDictionary, mySignGenerator (translate English words into ASL) and myASLGames (interactive games for learning sign language).

[www.idrt.com/asltech\\_home.php](http://www.idrt.com/asltech_home.php)

## American Fingerspelled Alphabet

The American Fingerspelled Alphabet consists of 22 hand shapes that - when held in certain positions and produced with specific movements - represent the 26 letters of the American alphabet. Fingerspelling is a way of spelling words using hand movements.

## Fingerspelling - American Sign Language (ASL)

[www.lifeprint.com/asl101/pages-layout/fingerspelling.htm](http://www.lifeprint.com/asl101/pages-layout/fingerspelling.htm)

## ASL Fingerspelling Receptive Practice (Handspeak)

[www.handspeak.com/learn/413/](http://www.handspeak.com/learn/413/)

## Dr. Bill Vicar's American Sign Language (ASL) Fingerspelling

[www.ASL.ms](http://www.ASL.ms)

## Receptive ASL Fingerspelling Practice Series | Beginner #1 (2023 Edition)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=n44z0HK04us](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n44z0HK04us)



## The Described and Captioned Media Program

Families and educators who have a child with a disability can register for free membership and access thousands of accessible educational videos (some translated into ASL).

[www.dcmp.org](http://www.dcmp.org)

## MyGo: Sign Language for Kids

Interpreted in ASL - Cocomelon and Blippi episodes.

<https://tinyurl.com/m4wxvrc2>

## Sign It!

American Sign Language made easy.

[www.signitasl.com](http://www.signitasl.com)

## SignOn with ASDC

Practice ASL online in real-time with Deaf adults.

[www.deafchildren.org/sign-on/](http://www.deafchildren.org/sign-on/)

## Sign Language 101

Taught by Deaf people, access on any device.

[www.signlanguage101.com](http://www.signlanguage101.com)

## Start ASL

Instructor-supported ASL classes.

[www.startasl.com](http://www.startasl.com)

## What do we mean when we say deaf?

The National Deaf Center is using the term deaf in an all-inclusive manner, to include people who may identify as deaf, deafblind, deafdisabled, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and hearing impaired. NDC recognizes that for many individuals, identity is fluid and can change over time or with setting. NDC has chosen to use one term, deaf, with the goal of recognizing experiences that are shared by all members of our diverse communities while also honoring all of our differences.

