



National Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

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If you would like to suggest additional resources for consideration, please email info@nvhandsandvoices.org

National Support Resources

National organizations help guide best practices, policy, and systems that support infants and children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and their families. These groups provide recommendations, coordination, and guidance to promote consistent, high-quality services across states and territories.

AG Bell PALS Program (Parent Advocacy & Leadership Support)

- Website: <https://agbell.org/programs-services/pals>
 - Parent-to-parent mentoring program through the AG Bell Association.
 - Connects families with trained mentors who provide guidance and support.
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CDC Information for Deaf Children

- Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/deaf-child.html>
 - Provides clear information about deafness and hearing loss in children.
 - Explains causes, development, and available services.
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Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)

- Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/ehdi-programs.html>
 - National program supporting early hearing screening and follow-up care.
 - Promotes the 1-3-6 guidelines for screening, diagnosis, and early services.
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Family-Centered Early Intervention (FCEI)

- Website: <https://deafchildren.org/fcei>
 - International guidelines supporting strong early intervention programs.
 - Focuses on family involvement and positive outcomes for children with hearing loss.
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Hands & Voices Early Start (Guide By Your Side)

- Website: <https://www.handsandvoices.org/early-start.htm>
 - Connects families with trained parent guides for early support.
 - Helps families navigate services after a child is identified with hearing loss.
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Hands & Voices Fostering Joy

- Website: <https://www.handsandvoices.org/fostering-joy.htm>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fosteringjoyhv>
 - Promotes positive parent-child interaction during early childhood.
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Hands & Voices (National)

- Website: <https://www.handsandvoices.org>
 - National nonprofit supporting families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.
 - Provides advocacy, education, and family-to-family support.
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Hearing First

- Website: <https://hearingfirst.org>
 - National nonprofit supporting families and professionals using Listening and Spoken Language approaches.
 - Provides family resources including **First LSL Lessons**, listening activities, and information about hearing technology and language development.
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Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH)

- Website: <https://www.jcih.org>
 - National committee that sets best practices for early hearing screening and care.
 - Publishes guidelines used by medical, audiology, and early intervention programs.
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Life Skills Advocate

- Website: <https://www.lifeskillsadvocate.com>
 - Online resource that helps families understand special education and disability services.
 - Provides tools, articles, and guidance for supporting children with disabilities.
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Promoting EHDI Practices (PEP)

- Website: <https://www.jcih.org/pep-resources>
 - Easy-to-read summaries of early hearing detection and intervention practices.
 - Parent resources available in multiple languages.
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American Sign Language (ASL) Resources

American Sign Language (ASL) is a complete natural language with its own grammar and structure. It is widely used within the Deaf community and supports language development, communication access, and connection to Deaf culture.

American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC)

- Website: <https://deafchildren.org>
 - National organization supporting families raising Deaf children.
 - Offers ASL learning opportunities and family events.
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ASL at Home

- Website: <https://www.aslathome.org>
 - Family-focused ASL curriculum designed for parents and caregivers.
 - Available in English and Spanish.
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ASL Connect — Gallaudet University

- Website: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect>
 - Online ASL courses taught by Gallaudet University instructors.
 - Includes credit and non-credit learning options.
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ASL Nook

- Website: <https://www.aslnook.com>
 - Video-based ASL lessons taught by a Deaf family.
 - Engaging and family-friendly learning style.
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ASL Pinnacle

- Website: <https://asl-pinnacle.com>
 - ASL courses from beginner through advanced levels.
 - Offers private tutoring and group classes.
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Hands United

- Website: <https://handsunited.org>
 - Supports immigrant families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing children.
 - Provides culturally responsive resources and community support.
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Language First

- Website: <https://language1st.org>
 - Supports ASL and English bilingual language development.
 - Provides resources and videos for families and educators.
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Lifeprint (ASL University)

- Website: <https://www.lifeprint.com>
 - Free online ASL lessons and instructional videos.
 - Includes an ASL dictionary and fingerspelling resources.
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Project INSITE

- Website: <https://www.projectinsite.org>
 - Supports young children with vision loss and multiple disabilities.
 - Provides specialized curriculum and early learning resources.
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Project VIISA

- Website: <https://www.projectviisa.org>
 - Curriculum and training for children with vision impairment.
 - Designed for early intervention and preschool programs.
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Sign It

- Website: <https://www.signitproject.org>
 - Free ASL curriculum for families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing children under age three.
 - Created by the Signing Time Foundation.
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Signing Time

- Website: <https://www.signingtime.com>
- Video series designed to teach sign language to children and families.
- Available through streaming and subscription services.

SKI-HI Deaf Mentor Program

- Website: <https://ski-hi.org/deaf-mentor-program>
 - Connects families with Deaf mentors who support early language development.
 - Encourages ASL learning and connection to the Deaf community.
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Cued Speech Resources

Cued Speech is a visual communication system that uses specific handshapes and placements combined with natural mouth movements to make spoken language fully visible.

Cue College

- Website: <https://cuecollege.org>
 - Online courses and learning materials for Cued Speech.
 - Provides cue charts and resources adapted for many languages.
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Cue On (CueOn)

- Website: <https://cueon.org>
 - One-on-one virtual sessions with Deaf Cued Speech instructors.
 - Helps learners practice receptive and expressive cueing skills.
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DailyCues

- Website: <https://dailycues.com>
 - Interactive tools for learning and practicing Cued Speech.
 - Includes dictionaries, quizzes, and practice activities.
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National Cued Speech Association (NCSA)

- Website: <https://cuedspeech.org>
 - National organization offering training, family resources, and community connections.
 - Includes the Cue Family Program and introductory courses.
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Manually Coded English Resources

Manually Coded English systems such as Signing Exact English (SEE) visually represent English grammar and word order. These resources provide training, dictionaries, and instructional supports for families and professionals.

Northwest School for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children

- Website: <https://www.nwschool.com>
 - Offers online Signing Exact English courses in English and Spanish.
 - Classes are open to families and professionals.
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S.E.E. Center – ESC Region 13

- Website: <https://www.seecenter.org>
 - Provides training and resources for learning Signing Exact English.
 - Offers workshops, sign skill evaluations, and SEE dictionaries.
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SEE Online Dictionary

- Website: <https://www.seeonline.org>
 - Online visual dictionary with more than 1,600 Signing Exact English signs.
 - Supports accurate English-based signing.
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Signing Exact English Educational Video

- Website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmIpwSoBPio>
 - Introductory video explaining the basics of Signing Exact English.
 - Demonstrates how SEE visually represents English grammar.
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Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) Resources

Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) focuses on developing listening skills and spoken communication. These resources support children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in learning to listen and talk.

AG Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- Website: <https://agbell.org>
 - Global organization supporting listening and spoken language outcomes.
 - Provides advocacy, education, and financial support programs.
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Cochlear – Sound Foundation for Babies

- Website: <https://www.cochlear.com/us/en/home/ongoing-care-and-support/sound-foundation-for-babies>
 - Listening activities for babies from birth to 40 months.
 - Provides early language strategies and parent-friendly lessons.
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National Center on Deafblindness (NCDB)

- Website: <https://nationaldb.org>
 - National resource center supporting children who are deafblind.
 - Provides information about communication, technology, and services.
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