



# ASL for Families

## About the Program

*The ASL for Families program began in 2002 to respond to the need*

*for ASL instruction for families. With its focus on basic, daily interaction, the ASL for Families program gives parents and caregivers*

*the opportunity to learn to sign at a comfortable pace.*

ASL for Families is a course offered free of charge to families of children with hearing loss and to others who come in daily contact with signing children. Instructors are deaf and use ASL as their primary language.

## About ASL for Families and Distance Learning



In order to provide instruction statewide, we use a distance learning network so we can bring the instruction to you. The distance learning network consists of 85 sites located in high schools and other public buildings throughout the state. Each ASL for Families lesson originates from The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Falmouth and is broadcast to sites using ATM technology.



*Teaching from The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*



*ASL instructor*

## Class Structure

### • Levels of Instruction

Beginner and Advanced Beginner level classes are offered in each ASL for Families session. Beginner level students are expected to have little or no ASL skill. Advanced Beginners have taken a semester of Beginner ASL for Families, or may know many signs and are able to put them into sentences.

### • Sessions

Classes are scheduled to take place once a week in the early evening. Both the fall (October through December) and spring (March through June) sessions last approximately 10 weeks.

### • Locations

Once registrations are received, we determine a schedule based on student requests for level and location. Because each class can be delivered to as many as three sites per evening, we make every effort to find a location near you.

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