

DCS is seeking a full time Sign Language Instructor

Job Description:

- Provide in-home and on-site sessions and consultations to assist families in acquiring and practicing language skills using various techniques and strategies that cater to the needs of different families.
- Instruction: ASL instructors conduct classes and lead instructional sessions, guiding families through learning ASL. They teach ASL vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure, facial expressions, and body language used in signing.
- Develop ASL lessons and ASL resources to provide support to families learning ASL and preschool programming for their children.
- Conducting research and creating an inventory of resources with the Director, to connect families with local resources on an ongoing basis.
- Evaluating and monitoring families' progress and planning, with Director
- Technology Integration: ASL instructors may incorporate technology into their teaching methods, utilizing video resources, interactive software, and online platforms to enhance the learning experience.
- Skill Development: ASL instructors work with families to improve their expressive (signing) and receptive (understanding) skills in ASL. They provide feedback and individualized support to help students enhance their signing abilities.
- Provide group playgroups and workshops and connect the families with ASL Community's programs, events, and cultural wealth.
- Deaf Culture Education: ASL instructors introduce families to deaf culture, history, and customs to provide a deeper understanding of the community they will interact with. They emphasize the importance of cultural awareness and sensitivity in ASL learning.
- Professional Development: ASL instructors stay up to date with advancements in ASL education, and attend workshops, conferences, and training sessions to improve their teaching skills and incorporate best practices in their families' learning.
- Collaboration: ASL instructors may collaborate with other educators, school administrators, or community organizations to enhance ASL education and promote deaf awareness.
- Maintaining required program records and submitting monthly and annual reports to the agency
- Maintaining overall management of client caseload and ensuring appropriate and confidential
- Handling of client information and files
- Operating in accordance with the policies, guidelines, and protocols of the program and partner organizations
- Performing other duties as required under the direction and supervision of the Executive Director.
- Overall, an ASL instructor plays a crucial role in empowering families and their children to communicate effectively in ASL and fostering an appreciation for deaf culture and inclusivity

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in a field related to Education, Early Childhood Education, ASL or other relevant education or equivalent experience
- 3+ years of related experience preferably in ASL instruction and language learning
- Fluency in American Sign Language and English is a requirement
- Background in early ASL literacy & ASL instruction
- Experience working with young children (0-6) and their families
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite
- Excellent written and communications skills
- Ability to work independently with little supervision

- Ability to conduct independent learning
- Presentation of an empathetic attitude, cultural sensitivity and commitment to anti-oppression
- Ability to manage multiple priorities
- Team player and experience working with diverse cultures and ethnicities
- Assessment and problem-solving skills
- Results-oriented and self-starter
- Ability to work flexible hours is a requirement
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Willing to travel
- Valid Driver's License

Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00am -5:00pm
37.5 per week

Commencement Date

August 28, 2023

Salary

31.85 per hour

To apply for this posting, please contact Janene Seabrook jseabrook@deafchildren.bc.ca