



ELF-Early Literacy Foundations: Building strong foundations for language and literacy begins early. ELF supports parents and their Deaf children from birth to age 3

- Led by our Speech Language Therapist and a Sign Language Instructor
- Introduce families to songs, activities and stories while building family bonds
- Teaches families how to read to their Deaf child
- Expand our current Early Literacy Foundations offerings in the lower mainland
- Implement new locations including Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Prince George, Okanagan

Goal: \$30,000



Preschool: Our highly trained and experienced Early Childhood Educators are committed to supporting children's cognitive & social-emotional development and language learning.

- The only preschool in BC offering instruction in American Sign Language !
- Active play, drama, music, art, poetry, cooking, all with their deaf peers to prepare them for kindergarten and beyond !
- Increase the scope of the program to include collaborations with local parks, farms, aquariums and technology centers to increase the language experience opportunities and community activism experiences for deaf children
- Expansion of DCS preschool programs to other areas of the province!

Goal: \$350,000

Sign Language Instruction: Hearing parents of deaf children require ASL classes and individual instruction to become adequate language models for their children-their future depends on it !

- Expand the number and locations of our Family Group Sign Language Classes-because Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and cousins count too !
- Expand Sign Language services to remote areas of BC and expand online training and supports for families with the provision of new technology infrastructure
- Support our current in-home sign language lessons for more families

Goal: \$150,000



Speech & Language Programs: Our Speech Language Therapists are striving to meet the needs of our growing number of families of infants, toddlers and preschoolers to foster expressive and receptive language development, social skills and cognitive development. and the number of children with cochlear implants.

- Help empower families with information, resources and supports to actively engage as language role models for their child
- Meet the basic language support needs of children with cochlear implants and hearing aids
- Expand Speech Language services for Deaf children to include training for day cares and preschools in delivering effective language programs for deaf children

Goal: \$250 000



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