

Community Education Service

Introduction to Infant Sign Language

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11161 Bonaventure Drive SE

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Imagine communicating with your baby before they can even speak. Baby sign language reduces frustration, accelerates verbal development and strengthens cognitive skills. It also enhances child-parent bonding through time spent teaching signs to your baby. Research shows that preverbal infants can communicate through the use of sign language long before they can verbalize their needs. During this session the skills and knowledge necessary to communicate with your preverbal, hearing baby, will be explained using examples from American Sign Language (ASL) signs. Some basic infant signs will be taught. **Children under 18 months can attend but please inform CES if your child is coming prior to the Session; unregistered children will not be permitted due to fire and health and safety regulations. We thank you for your co-operation.**

Level I : This session presents an overview of infant sign language, and would best meet the needs of families and/or professionals with little to no knowledge of, or experience, with this topic.

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