

Sign Language Resources for Young Children

This information was compiled for a workshop for using sign language with young children. Most of the resources are geared towards young children but many of these resources (especially the Online ones) can be used with older children and adults as well. There are many more resources for older children and adults that are not listed. Also please note that some of the materials that are designed for hearing babies do not use American Sign Language (ASL) nor signs commonly used in the Deaf Community.

Online

American Sign Language Browser

- www.commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm
- Most comprehensive collection of video clips of ASL vocabulary that is easily searchable

Answers.com

- www.answers.com/library/American+Sign+Language-cid-26484507
- Search for words and phrases, results may be displayed as drawings or short video clips, searchable

Apps for Kids with Hearing Loss

- <http://bit.ly/VOEtWp>
- List of recommended sign language apps for kids (and adults) to use on iDevices

Facebook

- www.facebook.com
- Search "sign language" or "baby sign language" for a variety of pages and groups that discuss using ASL with children

Sign with your baby Yahoo! Group

- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/signwithyourbaby/>
- Online forum for parents and teachers who want to use ASL with babies and young children

Technical signs

- <http://www.needsoutreach.org/Pages/sl.html>
- Signs for subjects like the sciences, math, history, geography and government

Lessons/Curricula

ASL University

- www.lifeprint.com
- Great resource for those who want to continue their ASL skills, all signs are demonstrated via video clips - first 100 signs, FREE ASL lessons, dictionary, fingerspelling practice, downloadable fonts

Baby Sign Language

- www.babysignlanguage.com/
- Printable charts and flashcards, online dictionary and products for purchase

Baby Signs

- www.babysigns.com
- Program designed for hearing babies, uses mostly ASL signs but they are open to homemade signs, lots of products and activities

Sign2Me Early Learning Resources

- www.sign2me.com
- Finding signing classes, network with other instructors, newsletter, products for purchase

Signing Savvy

- www.signingsavvy.com
- More great video clips of searchable signs, also the ability to make wordlists, flashcards and quizzes, monthly/annual fee required to access full member benefits including mobile apps (iOS and Android)

Signing Time

- www.signingtime.com
- HUGE collection of DVDs and activities across a broad range of ages and topics, information on local classes, newsletter to get Sign of the Week

Start ASL

- <http://www.start-american-sign-language.com/>
- Online lessons, dictionary and sign language products

Baby Sign Language Books and Kits

- [*Baby Signs: How to Talk to Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk, Third Edition*](#), by Linda Acredolo, Ph.D. and Susan Goodwyn, Ph.D. with Douglas Abrams
 - Information from long-term study on signing with hearing babies funded by NIH. Contains findings and includes developmental information, strategies and signing activities. This latest edition does incorporate using ASL signs as well as some “baby-friendly alternatives” (not formal ASL signs).
- [*Signing Smart*](#) series by Michelle E. Anthony, M.A., Ph.D. and Reyna Lindert, Ph.D.
 - Simple, straightforward technique for signing with babies, compatible with other ASL methods. Contains fun signing activities and songs.
- *Sign, Sing and Play!*, *Baby Sign Language Basics*, *Songs for Little Hands* series by [Monta Z. Briant](#)
 - Great board books, activities and music for your infant and toddler
- [*Dancing with Words: Signing for Hearing Children's Literacy*](#) by Marilyn Daniels
 - Focus on how signing with hearing children enhances literacy and reading skills
- *Sign with your Baby* products by [Joseph Garcia](#)
 - DVD series and instructional manual for using ASL with your child

Children's Books

- Baby Signs board book series by [Linda Acredolo, Susan Goodwyn and Penny Gentieu](#)
- [*Baby Signs*](#) by Joy Allen
- [*Signs for Me: Basic Sign Vocabulary for Children, Parents & Teachers*](#) by Ben Bahan and Joe Dannis
- [*Teach Your Baby to Sign: An Illustrated Guide to Simple Sign Language for Babies*](#) by Monica Beyer
- A Beginner's Book of Signs series by [Angela Bednarczyk and Janet Weinstock](#)
- [*Baby Signing 1-2-3: The Easy-to-Use Illustrated Guide for Every Stage and Every Age*](#) by Nancy Cadjan
- Early Sign Language Signs series by [Stanley Collins](#)
- [*My First Book of Sign Language*](#) by Joan Holub
- [*You Can Learn sign Language!*](#) by Jackie Kramer and Tali Ovadia
- Sign and Sign Along series by [Annie Kubler](#)

- Sign About series by [Anthony Lewis](#)
- [Sabuda & Reinhart Pop-Ups: Baby Signs](#) by Kyle Olmon and Jacqueline Rogers
- Sign Babies ASL Flashcard series by [Sign Babies](#)
- First Book of Sign Language series by [Debbie Slier](#)
- Baby's First Signs series by [Kim Votry and Curt Waller](#)
- *Simple Signs* and *More Simple Signs* by [Cindy Wheeler](#)

Videos/DVDs

- [Baby Sign Language Basics: Early Communication for Hearing Babies and Toddlers Instructional DVD](#)
- [Baby Einstein: My First Signs series](#) with Marlee Matlin
- [Baby See 'n Sign series](#) with Joanna Larson-Muhr
- [Blue's Clues: All Kinds of Signs](#) VHS
- [Goodnight Moon Sign Language Gift Set](#)
 - Includes 9 popular children's books and a sign language poster
- [Happy Signs Day: Sign Language for Babies and Toddlers](#) and [Happy Signs Night: Learn Baby Sign Language](#)
- [Sign-A-Lot: The Big Surprise and Sign-A-Lot: ABC Games](#)
 - Shows elementary age kids signing.
- [Talking Hands](#)

Sign Language Products

- [Busy Bee Learning](#)
 - Puzzles, books, DVDs
- [Deaf Hands](#)
 - Products with hands fingerspelling - clocks, signs, etc.
- [Garlic Press Sign Language Series and products](#)
 - For beginners and beyond, books, games and other products
- [Gallaudet University Press](#)
 - Variety of media for beginners and more advanced signers, information on Deaf culture
- [Hand Expressions](#)
 - Customized clothing and other novelties
- [Harris Communications](#)
 - Variety of media for beginners and more advanced signers
- [Label and Learn](#)
 - Activities online, app, books, DVDs