

The mission of The Learning Center for the Deaf is to ensure that all deaf and hard of hearing children and adults thrive by having the knowledge, opportunity and power to design the future of their choice.

MEETING ACCESSIBILITY



Please turn off your video and mute your microphone. Select “Gallery View” in Zoom.



We will have a Live Question and Answer after each topic and at the end of the session

Chat comments will be monitored by the host

Welcome! Tonight's Agenda:

- Presenter:
 - **Glennis Matthews, TLC Superintendent**
- Community ASL Classes for Families
- The ASL Shop
- Parent/Caregiver Volunteer Application
- Campus Safety Updates
- Family School Partnership Initiative Regional Meetings

Community ASL Classes

ASL Community Classes

Winter II registration is now OPEN!

- Level I
 - In Person - Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 - Zoom - Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Level 2
 - In Person - Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 - Zoom - Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Level 3
 - In Person - Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Level 4
 - In Person - Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

ASL Community Classes (for families and staff)

NEW! Level 5 has been added!!

- Level 5
 - In Person - Mondays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Next session, Winter II, will begin on January 29, 2024! Registration is NOW OPEN!

ASL for Kids Classes (children ages 5-15)

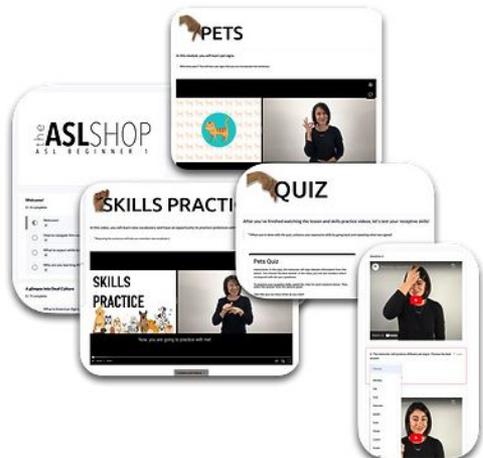
- Up to Level 5 offered!
- Level I (Basic ASL) is offered to our current students' primary caregiver for FREE!
- Next session will be shared on our website and Family Newsletter, but reach out anytime!

ASL Classes Information - Where to find???

The ASL Shop

Communication Access Services

THE ASL SHOP



ABOUT

The ASL Shop

We're firm believers in having fun! Our approach is less textbook, more hands-on! We believe in creating a strong foundation in language learning. Learning ASL from **native** signers will allow you to achieve fluency.

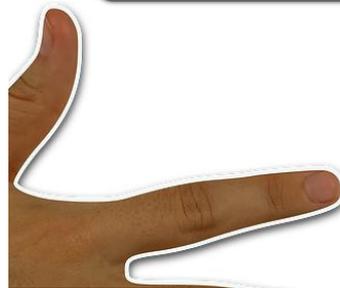
- Harvard grant
- Level 1 and 2
- Free for one year

1. SELF PACED COURSE

Live group sessions not for you? Not to worry! Self-paced online classes are available! Subscribe to our package and receive access to tons of online video lessons, exams, and fun ways to practice, all at your own pace! Only \$12.99 per month!

2. GROUP SESSION

We offer live group sessions several times a week that are conducted via Zoom. You can learn ASL anywhere! As long as you have a device with a camera, you're ready to go!



"Inspiring Knowledge, Opportunity, Power"

Parent/Caregiver Volunteer Application

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Campus Safety Updates

Campus Safety - Run, Hide, or Fight



- Todd McGhee, Counter-terrorism expert
- Retired from Massachusetts State Police
- Trained under Dept of Homeland Security
- On-site training for TLC leaders
- Staff and student training

Campus Safety Updates

- All maintenance-related equipment, light bulb replacements, battery replacement schedules, and increasing the regularly scheduled checks added to our maintenance protocols have been completed.
- Maintenance continues to replace classroom and office door knobs with hardware that can lock from the inside.
- Locks have been installed in ECC bathrooms in all classrooms, providing an additional safe location lockdown.
- Our text alert system was checked to ensure all text numbers are correct and up to date, and the number of staff members trained on how to send out text alerts was increased.

Campus Safety Updates

- Communication protocol was put in place so that staff are notified in advance, via email, any time work will be performed that affects our electrical or fire panels on campus.
- Set-up a meeting between TLC team, Todd McGhee (Security Consultant), and the *Layered Solutions, Inc (LSI) representative to discuss additional options for notification. [*Layered Solutions is our messaging system that sends out texts and emails.]
- Purchase software from LSI that would allow notifications sent to computers when the notification system is activated.

Family School Partnership Initiative

Family School Partnership!!

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION



School & Main Institute
Where community interests intersect

2022-2023 Massachusetts Family School Partnership Initiative

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in partnership with Pat Spradley, former Chief of Parent and Community Engagement for Springfield Public Schools, and School & Main Institute, is offering an opportunity to receive training, coaching, and strategic planning support to strengthen district systems for family school partnership.



Family School Partnership Initiative Goals

- Look at our current partnership efforts through a reflective process
- Identify strengths, gaps and areas of opportunity
- Build awareness to support deeper family partnership work
- YOU!!

Family School Partnership Initiative



- Part I video: Introduction
- Part II video: Focus Area/Priorities
- Found on the Family Resources page



FSPI Regional Meetings

(Shared our Family Newsletters)

- Tuesday, December 5 2023 in Lawrence, MA
- Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at TLC
- **Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in Worcester** (More details to come!)





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Thank you!