

Family Centered Deaf Mentor Program Through Home Visits

What does a Deaf Mentor do when they visit a family?

- Teach and practice sign language together.
- Model communication strategies.
- Answer questions the family might have about Deaf Culture.
- Share experiences about growing up Deaf in a hearing society.
- Inform families about upcoming events in Deaf Community.
- ASL Family Nights in the Spring, encouraging families to meet and learn more about Deaf culture.

Other Resources...

- **IESDB**—www.iesdb.org
- **Idaho Hands and Voices**—www.idhandsandvoices.org
- **ASL Dictionary**—www.lifeprint.com
- **ASL Online Courses**—www.asldeafined.com
- **ASL Resources**—www.aslpro.com
- **Caption Media Program**—www.dcmp.org
- **Idaho State Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**—www.cdhh.idaho.gov
- **Signing Times DVDs**—www.signingtime.com
- **Facebook Groups**—The Deaf Community in Idaho, Deaf Center of Idaho, Boise Valley Association of the Deaf, Boise Valley Deaf
- **Private ASL Workshops/Classes**—www.aslexpressions.com



**Idaho Educational
Services for the
Deaf and the Blind**

Deaf Mentor Program

**For Families
With Children Who
are Deaf or Hard of
Hearing**



Objectives of the Deaf Mentor Program:

- To provide American Sign Language lessons and Early Visual Communication.
- To enhance the family's communication with their Deaf/Hard of Hearing Child.
- To provide cultural information.
- To empower the family and the Deaf/Hard of Hearing child.
- To provide a positive role model for the Deaf child and their family.
- To build child's self-advocacy skills.



Who Qualifies:

Any child from birth to high school graduation, with a permanent hearing loss who resides in the state of Idaho and is currently on an IFSP, IEP or 504 Plan.

Location of Services:

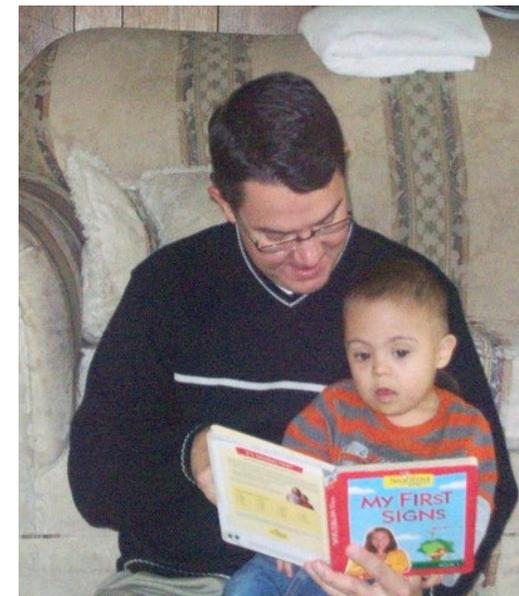
Our Deaf Mentor Program is currently being offered in the Treasure Valley area including Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, Payette and Weiser. More areas will be included in the future.

Cost:

IESDB Outreach services are free of charge for families who have children with diagnosed hearing loss.

Deaf Mentor:

Our Deaf Mentor is Mikkell Nelson. He has an MS degree in Deaf Education. He has a wealth of experience working with Deaf/Hard of Hearing children and their families.



If you're interested in the program or have questions, please contact:

**Mikkell Nelson, M.S.
IESDB Deaf Mentor**

**IESDB Office
3071 E. Franklin Rd Suite
#212
Meridian, Id 83642
(208)850-0718 (Text)
208-297-6650 (Video phone
please leave a msg)
Mikkell.nelson@iesdb.org**

Mikkell will bring a certified sign language interpreter during the home visits.