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Deaf Center Projects

The **Center for Teaching and Learning** is pleased to support the work of Drs. Ellen Schneiderman, Rachel Friedman Narr, and Tomas Garcia in their focus on Deaf Education.

The Deaf Education and Families Project

DHH children and their families have a long history of being underserved. Now, more than ever, families need to be able to see the possibilities that lie ahead for their deaf children. The Family Focus Resource & Empowerment Center (FFREC) is proud to extend their educational resources and activities to families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) children. Educational activities are centered around the abilities of the deaf child, focusing on what deaf children can accomplish when given access to comprehensible communication through American Sign Language. Some of the activities of the Project include: 1) offering family sign language classes, 2) facilitating play groups for deaf children, 3) providing family support groups, 3) providing outreach and education to parents, and 4) matching deaf peers and role models.

Since the **DEAF Education and Families Project's** inception in May 2007, planning and outreach efforts for families with DHH children have included:

- Training FFREC staff related to Deaf Culture, American Sign Language, and Deaf Education;

- Development of resources specifically for families with DHH children;

- Outreach at medical centers, Regional Center, Local schools, and community events;

- Family Sign Language classes on Tuesday evenings at Mayall Elementary School;

- LAUSD;

- ASL Play Groups (Ages 1-5). at CHIME Infant/Toddler Program.

Parentlinks Grant

The Deaf Education and Families Project and Family Focus Center received $50,000 from the CA Dept. of Education for one year to follow-up with families whose child needs continued hearing evaluations as a result of the Newborn Hearing Screening.

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