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## California State University, Northridge & Deaf Education

California State University, Northridge is home to three premier programs involving deaf and hard of hearing students, faculty, and staff: National Center on Deafness, The Department of Deaf Studies, and the Deaf Education Teacher Preparation and Masters Degree Programs.

We provide opportunities for deaf students, their families, teachers, and other professionals to work as collaborative partners, and believe that a shared responsibility for children's learning is the foundation for educational success.

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Parents and Professionals:  
together we see  
the possibilities

Shaping the future,  
one little hand  
at a time



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## Connect with D.E.A.F. Project now

- I am a parent
- I am a professional
- Other

Full Name					
Child's Name and Age (if applicable)					
Mailing Address					
City, State, Zip					
Email					
Phone					
Professional's Name and City:					

- Please call me with more information about the D.E.A.F. Project
- Please send me your latest newsletter



## We Believe

- Deaf and hard of hearing children can accomplish anything
- Families are the key to any child's accomplishments
- Diversity of culture and language should be celebrated and shared within families
- Parent-to-Parent support is your greatest resource
- Deaf role models are an important part of the deaf child's identity and development
- Parents need opportunities to have positive experiences with deaf adults

“Seeing the tiny hands of my baby telling me she wanted her precious memory.”



## Research tells us

- Learning sign language makes learning to speak easier. Many children (deaf and hearing) are learning to sign to help their speech development.
- Language and speech are separate cognitive skills. Children use sign language to express themselves long before they may be able to speak.
- Family involvement and early intervention are strong predictors of better language development.
- Learning to read requires a strong language foundation.

## Connect with parents who understand

At the Deaf Education And Families Project at CSUN, we empower families of deaf children to get educated, get together, and get communicating.

We view being deaf or hard of hearing as just one of a child's many characteristics. It's our mission to provide deaf children, their parents and professionals with support, resources and positive role models to help them grow cognitively and creatively in their formative years.

With many empowering programs for deaf children and their families from newborn through age 22, we'll be with you every step of the way.

## We Provide

- Workshops and trainings for families and professionals
- Empowerment activities
- Exposure to deaf role models
- Collaboration with community agencies and programs
- Respect for the cultural, linguistic, and socio-economic needs of families and children

