

THE MAINE EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

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Preschool Program ASL Specialist - Teacher of the Deaf

Position:	High School Teacher of the Deaf
Department:	Statewide Education and Family Services
Salary:	Based on Collective Bargaining Agreement
Date Issued:	June 16, 2022
Date Closed:	When filled
Location:	Mackworth Island, Falmouth, Maine

This is a **full-time, 198-day, ASL Specialist/TOD position** within the Statewide Education and Family Services team. This position is responsible for providing ASL specially designed instruction to deaf and hard of hearing children and ASL Parent Training in the Mackworth Island preschool program. This position requires a collaborative approach working with an interdisciplinary early childhood team to meet the needs of all students.

Primary Responsibilities

- Serving students in preschool with goals for ASL development virtually and in person.
- Providing Parent Training as requested by IEP team per referral.
- Collecting and documenting data on IEP goals.
- Participating in the IEP processes, preparing present levels of ASL performance, and planning goals and objectives.
- Utilizing video and online technology and platforms to create ASL materials for instruction and sharing.
- Providing itinerant specially designed instruction to deaf and hard of hearing students communicating in American Sign Language in mainstream settings.
- Providing ongoing educational consultation and technical assistance to professionals working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing communicating via American Sign Language in public and private schools throughout designated areas in Maine.
- Assisting teachers and support staff in developing appropriate instructional environments to support students' access to ASL.
- Acting as a resource to instructional staff related to language use, variation, technical signs, communication strategies, etc.
- Communicating regularly and documenting on-going family and school communication.
- Providing current ASL materials (articles, hand-outs) to the SEFS team, case manager, classroom teacher, and/or parents on topics relevant to that child's needs.
- Working collaboratively with parents and professionals to develop positive and successful educational programs for students.
- Maintaining professional digital calendar of all services and meetings.
- Documenting communication and service provision in CINC database and/or Google file.

- Abiding by all the policies and procedures of MECDHH/GBSD and Federal/State regulations.

Minimum Skills and Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree (Masters preferred)
- State of Maine Certification as a 292 Teacher of the Deaf or related certification/licensure
- Prior teaching experience with children who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Knowledge of the variety of communication modalities used by students who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Background and knowledge in ASL linguistics/Deaf Studies
- Native or Native-like fluency in American Sign Language
- ASL PI score of 4 or higher
- Such alternatives to the qualifications listed above as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable
- Sensitivity to cultural diversity, race, gender, and other individual differences in the workforce; recognizes the value of diverse perspectives and experiences and fosters a work environment reflective of the community at large.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Current CHRC Certificate required

Work Environment

This job operates in a professional office environment. This role routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, filing cabinets and fax machines. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

Physical Demands

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this Job, the employee is regularly required to sit and use hands to handle or feel. The employee is frequently required to reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to stand, walk, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus. The employee is frequently required to drive to home visits and meetings up to an hour and a half.

Other Duties

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

Benefits

We offer an excellent benefit package including participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, generous paid sick and personal time, tuition reimbursement, PSLF eligibility, and health/dental insurance.

If interested in applying for this position, please click the APPLY link next to the [Prechool ASL Specialist/TOD](#) listing on our Career Opportunities website page to fill out an

application. <https://www.mecdhh.org/professionals/career-opportunities>