



NJ Deaf Mentor Program

Are you a Deaf/Hard of Hearing adult interested in mentoring, sharing your story with families and/or supporting a child with a hearing loss in a childcare setting? SPAN's Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Mentoring & Family Engagement Project has opportunities for **Deaf Mentors and ASL Deaf Language Associates**.

- **Snapshots Deaf Mentor**: Adults who are deaf or hard of hearing representing the full range of hearing levels, communication choices, technology use and educational placement who will answer questions about experiences growing up with a hearing loss.
- **ASL Deaf Mentor**: Adults who are Deaf will interact with families using ASL, provide ASL instruction in the home, teach families about Deaf culture and introduce them to the Deaf community.
- **ASL Deaf Language Associate**: Deaf adults who are fluent in ASL, will provide a language model of ASL and will support children with hearing loss and their families in the childcare setting for 25 hours a week.

ASL Deaf Language Associates and Deaf Mentors will be required to attend initial and ongoing training sessions

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