

American Sign Language

On April 15, 1817, the first school for the deaf in the United States opened. Students gathered there over the years and at subsequent deaf schools across our nation. The children intermingled Native American Signs, French Sign Language and Martha's Vineyard Sign Language. This process brought forth modern American Sign Language. According to Communication Services for the Deaf:

- **98%** of deaf people do not receive education in sign language
- **72%** of families do not sign with their deaf children
- **70%** of deaf people don't work or are underemployed
- **1 in 4** deaf people has left a job due to discrimination
- **1 in 4** deaf women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes, compared to 1 in 10 hearing women

According to NIDCD, nine out of ten children who are born deaf are born to parents who hear, which has also pushed the call for early education of ASL.



source: www.aslday.org



nice to meet you



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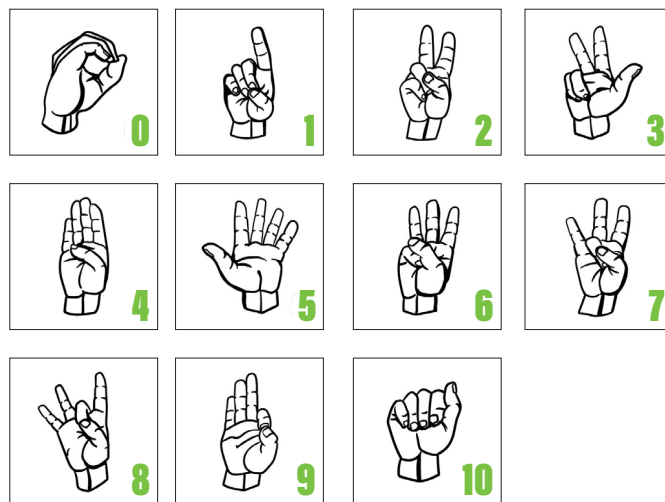
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10 Ways to Celebrate National ASL Day!

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.

- HELEN KELLER

1. Film your story about ASL and share it with the **#ASLday** hashtag
2. Host a local signing community potluck or gathering
3. Create ASL Day cards for your family and friends
4. Make artwork celebrating ASL and post it in your shop
5. Perform an ASL poem in your local deaf club
6. Photograph your favorite ASL handshape
7. Share the story of how you learned ASL with your children
8. Teach your co-workers 10 ASL words
9. Email your favorite ASL signer a note of appreciation
10. Share more ideas on your social media and with your local organizations! **#ASLday**



sunday



monday



tuesday



wednesday



thursday



friday



saturday