# **GCDHH NEWSLETTER**



## June 2021 What is CODA?

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CODA is an abbreviation for "Child of Deaf Adult(s)." It is a person who was raised by one or both parents that are Deaf. CODAs have a unique perspective of life as they often find themselves paralleling with both hearing and Deaf worlds. CODAs can overhear things that their Deaf parents cannot hear such as comments from a passerby or background noise. In addition, CODAs are usually in the middle of controversies where in certain circumstances, they become a "spokesperson" or "translator" for their parents – a method that is unethical and endangering to both the child and parents.

CODAs are among the Deaf community's most staunch allies as they often get a real glimpse of the Deaf world's lifestyle, culture, and hardship. We applaud and support our CODAS, and recognize their unique position in life.

Here are some well-known people you may not have realized are CODAs.

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Client Testimonial

### SHERON SHUMAN



"Okay I just got a new phone, because my old one died. I'm not used to this new one yet, But I loved my old one until it died. But my husband had a speaking problem He's deceased now. They gave him a microphone thing where he could have a headset and microphone so people could understand him better. I have a cordless doorbell that works great. This program TEDP is fantastic we have had good results with everything we've gotten from them." - Sheron Shuman





We've got you covered! You may qualify for no-cost equipment from <u>Georgia</u> <u>Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program</u>.





#### Register Now for ASL on Tuesdays



#### Register Now for ASL on Saturdays

Prior to COVID-19, Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GCDHH) offered American Sign Language (ASL) Courses in-person at the center. When the pandemic started, GCDHH took a new approach with virtual classes for ASL to respect safety concerns. Today, remote classes are available for the community (age 14 and up) and businesses. Below are *upcoming* available courses:

ASL I - Beginner ASL II - Intermediate ASL III - Advanced ASL IV - Advanced+

\*There will be eight two-hour-long classes each semester.

The textbook is highly recommended for all ASL units-A Basic Course in

American Sign Language (Second Edition). This can be ordered via Amazon. GCDHH offers online ASL classes for children younger than 14 years old for one hour for eight sessions. We also offer private ASL one-on-one for a separate fee. At the end of the semester, a Certificate of Attendance will be given for those who participated. This is only for the proof of participation in ASL course and this does not count as certified for Sign Language Interpreter. If you wanted to become a certified interpreter, you would have to take Interpreting courses at any college/university that offers them.

If you are interested to learn American Sign Language, price inquiry or have questions, please email Community Coordinator, Andrea Alston at: <u>Aalston@gcdhh.org</u> 404-381-8448

## Did you know you can sign up your workplace for virtual American Sign Language Classes?

GCDHH offers customized ASL classes for businesses and workplaces. With a flat rate (prices are negotiable), your company can pick the hours and multiple dates for virtual ASL classes. You and your co-workers will take sessions and practice together on learning a new language. If interested, you can bring this available course to the attention of your management and contact us at <u>Aalston@gcdhh.org</u>. Your company can make a difference in language accessibility for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community!

#### Fill out Questionnaire



## GCDHH has its own interpreting service!

Whether it's in-person or virtual interpreting, we will make the process easy for you. Contact us for more questions or book for an interpreter: Phone: 404-207-9362 Email: <u>Requests@gcdhh.org</u>



# Center for Assessment of Sign Language Interpretation (CASLI)

Did you know that GCDHH is the only location in the state of Georgia that offers onsite CASLI testing?

What is CASLI?: It is a performance exam to test your interpreting skills. After purchasing a token from <u>CASLI.org</u>, contact <u>request@gcdhh.org</u> to schedule the date and time.

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August 28th, 3:30pm - Atlanta United October 9th - Six Flags

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