

## What is ASL?

The Community Center for the Deaf (CCD) offers American Sign Language Classes (ASL) throughout the year and at a variety of locations.

ASL curriculum provides students with the knowledge and skills of ASL. Classes also focus on the uniqueness of ASL as a language, Deaf culture, Deaf history and Deaf Education practices.

Private tutoring, special interest classes and after school programs are all available upon request. The Community Center for the Deaf can also provide on site classes to agencies serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers.

For more information on class schedules, locations and class fees, please contact the Community Center for the Deaf at 330-726-8391 or visit our website at [www.yohsc.com](http://www.yohsc.com)



# American Sign Language

## Who Should Learn ASL?

Anyone! American Sign Language is rapidly becoming one of the most popular languages to learn. Our goal in offering ASL classes is to help those who desire to learn ASL to communicate more easily with others. ASL will help you to better communicate with a family member, friend, co-worker or student who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

There are many different levels of ASL classes ranging from Beginners to Advanced. If you are unsure of your skill level, an ASL instructor will help you determine which course is best for you.

All instructors are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or a professional interpreter and are members of the Ohio American Sign Language Teachers Association.

## What People are Saying ABOUT ASL Classes:

At first, I took ASL because I had Deaf customers with whom I wanted to be able to communicate. As I learned more about the Language (how beautiful it was) and the culture and meet new friends, a whole new world opened up to me. I've learned so much and met wonderful people.

-Diana Edwards

The CCD classes improved my understanding of ASL and helped me communicate better with my Deaf co-workers. I also had a great time learning about Deaf culture and spending time with new friends

-Josiah Deeter, Office Manager, Yo. CCD

As a physical therapist and treating my first Deaf client, it became obvious that learning ASL would enhance my ability to communicate. It has proven to be not only extremely helpful professionally, but has opened doors intellectually and socially within the community.

-Victoria Korb

One of the best things I ever did was enroll in ASL at YHSC. One reason I was prompted to learn ASL was to be able to communicate with Hard of Hearing and Deaf taxpayers who sign and come to the Mahoning County Auditors Office with questions regarding their property or tax bills and other general questions. Little did I know that I would also form lasting friendships with people from the Deaf community who have taught me much about their culture. With their patience and guidance I am able to extend my learning experiences far beyond the classroom. My five year old and nine year old grandsons also enrolled in the Children's Class. Not only have they learned ASL, but they also gained a new found confidence that carries over into their regular school classrooms.

-Linda O'Brien-Nyers

## Office Locations

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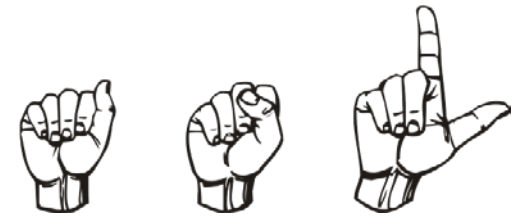
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