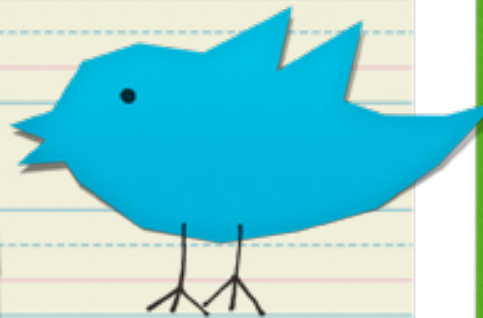




**The National ASL/English Bilingual Consortium for Early Childhood Education is an organization of professionals who are dedicated to the development, management, and coordination of ASL/English bilingual early childhood programs for children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families.**



## WE BELIEVE

Children can naturally acquire American Sign Language and English for daily learning and literacy through bilingual early childhood education principles and practices.

Children need to establish early communication with their parents and families, develop their cognitive abilities, acquire world knowledge, and communicate fully with the surrounding world.

Children need to develop social/emotional and cognitive abilities that are critical to timely development in all areas.

Spoken English, encouraged and incorporated specific to an individual child's characteristics and goals, is essential for achieving potential in this area of development.

Families and professionals need accurate information and resources about the benefits of ASL/English bilingualism in order to make well-informed decisions.



### Our Mission is...

To promote the development, management, and coordination of ASL/English bilingual early childhood education for children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families.

### So that...

families are afforded the option of choosing ASL/English bilingual early childhood education for their child.



### We work to achieve this mission through...

- Promoting networking and mutual support;
- Providing community education;
- Enhancing professional development;
- Empowering diverse families and advocates in partnership;
- Identifying information gaps and collaborating to meet those needs.





### OUR GOALS:

To develop an ASL/English bilingual home and school based curriculum and assessment tools.

To develop educational materials and resources for use in ASL/English bilingual early childhood classrooms and diverse families that promote linguistic, cognitive, communicative, and cultural competence.

To disseminate resources that demonstrate the benefits of ASL/English bilingual early childhood education.

## Working Together To Make Life Better For Young Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



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