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BC Family Hearing Resource Society

LANGUAGE **FIRST**

For professionals

Supporting DHH Children's Early Language Acquisition

Monday, September 27, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This online presentation will cover language acquisition and development in DHH children. It will explain the importance of accessible language in the early years of life and will review interactive strategies to support and foster bilingual language development in DHH children. ASL-English bilingual strategies will be included throughout the presentation.

For parents

Supporting Language Development At Home

Saturday, October 16, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This online presentation will provide an overview of language development in DHH children and the benefits of bilingual language acquisition. It will review strategies to implement at home to help foster a DHH child's language development and will include common myths, discerning speech from language, and advocacy strategies for parents.



Kimberly Sanzo is a speech-language pathologist and the founder of Language First, an organization that aims to educate and raise awareness about ASL-English bilingualism and the importance of a strong first language foundation for Deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) children. She received her B.A. in Psychology and in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Vermont in 2010 and her M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology from Gallaudet University in 2012. She is also a board-certified specialist in child language through the American Board of Child Language and Language Disorders. She is committed to educating parents and professionals on the neurological effects of a late or incomplete first language acquisition.

ASL-English interpretation will be provided.

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