

# Community Education Service



## Introduction to Infant Sign Language

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**Session: 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Sign in: 1:00 pm**

Fish Creek Public Library, Calgary  
MAIN floor program room

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Imagine communicating with your baby before they can even speak. Baby sign language reduces frustration, accelerates verbal development and strengthens cognitive skills. It also enhances child-parent bonding through time spent teaching signs to your baby. Research shows that preverbal infants can communicate through the use of sign language long before they can verbalize their needs. During this session the skills and knowledge necessary to communicate with your preverbal, hearing baby, will be explained using examples from American Sign Language (ASL) signs. Some basic infant signs will be taught.

**Children under 18 months can attend but please inform CES of this prior to the session; unregistered children/partners will not be permitted due to fire and health and safety regulations.**

**Level I:** This session presents an overview of infant sign language the topic, and would best meet the needs of families and/or professionals with little to no knowledge of, or experience, with this topic.

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