



Spring 2022

Read Across America with the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf

Recently, GCDHH staff was involved in Read Across America day at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD). Read Across America encourages adults to spend more time reading with children to share stories and create enthusiasm around reading.

Jimmy Peterson, Lara Whitfield-Garfinkel, and Andrea Kemp participated in the reading event with 30 elementary students from Pre-K to 5th grade by signing along with the books to the small groups and enjoying the stories together.

Lara commented that she enjoyed getting to connect with the younger generation of Deaf people and share stories through ASL. Andrea agreed that interacting with the children and getting to answer their questions and see how excited they were was a really cool experience.

Thank you AASD for allowing us to volunteer our time to support our community!





Deaf Awareness Day at the Atlanta Braves



GCDHH has partnered with the Atlanta Braves to celebrate the Deaf community with Deaf Awareness Day on May 15th!

The game will be against the San Diego Padres at 1:20 pm. There will be a special ticket package for \$38 that will include a ticket in the 'Home Run' section of the stadium, a \$3 donation to GCDHH, and a one-of-a-kind t shirt with Braves spelled out in American Sign Language! Click [here](#) to watch a signed message about this exciting event from our Executive Director, Jimmy Peterson!

For more information and to buy tickets, please visit their page [here](#).

We hope to see you there in your ASL T-shirt!



Camp Juliena

Registration is now open for our summer camp for Deaf/Hard of Hearing youth ages 6 – 13. Camp this year will be at the beautiful Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, GA from July 17 – 22. Join us this summer for friends, fun, and activities such as: swimming, canoeing, campfire, arts & crafts, and more!

For more information and to fill out an online application, please visit our website at gcdhh.org/youthprograms.



Various pictures of campers and staff throughout the years.

Email campjuliena@gcdhh.org or call 404-292-5312 with any questions.

**Camp Juliena
Website**

SPOTLIGHT

Elaina Hinton

Please Help us Welcome our newest employee: Elaina Hinton!



Elaina is the Outreach Specialist for northern Georgia. She has been aware of GCDHH for many years and has admired this organization since she got into the field of Deaf Studies and ASL in college. She said she is honored to be apart of this organization and to help our commuinity. Her favorite thing about working at GCDHH is the kindness, support, and welcoming nature of everyone who works here. After her first day, she said she already felt like part of the family. When asked for additional comments, Elaina said:

"Don't give up on your dreams, no matter how big.
You are capable of doing much greater
things than you could ever imagine."

We are lookng forward to offering our services to more Deaf/Hard of Hearing Georgians with Elaina's help.

Softball Tournament Fundraiser

Save the Date! GCDHH will be hosting a Softball Tournament on June 11th to raise money for Camp Julienna, our summer camp for DHH youth. All of the proceeds will go towards scholarships to send children with financial need to camp. The tournament will be near our office in Tucker, GA. Please be on the look out for more information to come soon on our [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) accounts. We are looking forward to seeing you there and raising money for Deaf youth!

Client Testimonial

"Thank you so much for the information regarding the ASL private tutor. I really appreciate your encouraging words. It mattered a lot to me and my family."

- hearing father of a deaf baby

Do You Have Hearing Loss?



We've got you covered! You may qualify for no-cost equipment from [Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program](#).



CapTel Captioned Telephones



840/840i



2400i



880i



Our TEDP program offers captioned telephones through CapTel. Not sure which device is the best fit for you? Read below to learn more about the CapTel captioned telephone line. With such a wide variety of equipment, we can help you find what fits your communication needs best!

CapTel 840

This phone has captions on a screen connected to the phone that are provided by a free service that connects to the call. There is a built-in answering machine, and you can adjust the font sizes and colors. This model **does not require internet access**.

CapTel 840i

The 840i is identical to the 840 but requires internet access to operate. With the internet connected, callers can dial your number directly. Captions can be turned on/off as needed and you can change the font size and color as well.

CapTel 880i

The 880i has all the same features as the 840 and 840i with an extra-large display, which makes it ideal for individuals with low vision or have difficulty reading standard-sized captions.

CapTel 2400i

This model has a large touch screen display in addition to a traditional telephone keypad. It is Bluetooth and Wi-Fi compatible. This phone is ideal for people with high-speed internet who are more familiar with technology.

If you are interested in these or any of our other equipment available to you at no cost through our TEDP program, please do not hesitate to visit our [website](#) or contact us Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm. Email: akemp@gcdhh.org Phone: 404-292-5512

For more information on CapTel phones, [click here](#).

If you think you might qualify for our equipment program and are interested in this phone or another type of assistive equipment, email akemp@gcdhh.org or visit our [website](#).

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION



Did you know GCDHH is an authorized provider under the Georgia Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)? VR Counselors are authorized to order services for their clients who are looking for employment or have employment. The services we offer include:

- Personal Social Adjustment
- Job Readiness Training
- Work Adjustment Training
- Work Literacy
- Job Coaching



If you feel you could benefit from these services, please contact **Ericka Lipscomb-Capel** for more information. elipscomb@gcdhh.org

UPCOMING EVENTS | 2022

Check out some of our upcoming events scheduled for 2022!

- GCDHH Youth Week: March 21 – 24
- ASL Day at the Atlanta History Center: April 16
- ASL Day at the Atlanta Zoo: April 30
- Deaf Nation Expo: May 7
- Deaf Awareness Day at the Atlanta Braves: May 15
- STEM Camp at GSU: June 12 – 17
- GROW (Getting Ready for Opportunities in Work) Camp: Summer 2022
- ASL Day with Atlanta United: August 16

More events will be announced as time goes on. To stay updated on our events

ASL CLASS



Registration Now Available!

Virtual ASL classes are now available for registration! The deadline to register is March 19, 2022. Below is the schedule for upcoming classes:

Tuesdays (March 29 - May 17)

ASL I: 6pm - 8pm EST

ASL II: 6pm - 8pm EST

ASL III: 6pm - 8pm ES

Saturdays (March 26 - May 7)

ASL I: 10am - 12pm EST

ASL II: 1pm - 3pm EST

ASL III: 3:30pm - 5:30pm EST

For more information or to register for one of the classes, visit our Eventbrite page by clicking the buttons below.

[Register for Tuesdays
Here](#)

[Register for Saturdays
Here](#)

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 with 8 - one hour sessions. We also offer private ASL classes one-on-one for a separate fee.

At the end of the semester, a Certificate of Attendance will be given to those who participated. This is only for the proof of participation in ASL course and does not count as certification to be a Sign Language Interpreter. If you want to become a certified interpreter, you would need to take Interpreting courses at any college/university that offers them.

If you have questions, please email Lara Whitfield at: Lwhitfield@gcdhh.org

[Visit our website](#)

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 Lwhitfield@gcdhh.org.

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 to book an interpreter:

Phone: 404-207-9362

Email: requests@gcdhh.org

UPDATE: Our newsletter is now quarterly. Our next issue will be Summe 2022.

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