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Sign Language for Parents and Young Children

# Tiny Fingers to Tiny Voices



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Featuring  
*Kimberly S. Simon, M.Ed.*

**Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3**

475 E. Waterfront Drive  
Homestead, PA 15120

**Wednesday Evenings**  
Sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.

April 27  
May 4  
May 11  
May 18

**Cranberry Public Library**

2525 Rochester Road, STE 300  
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

**Tuesday Afternoons**  
Sessions begin at 1:30 p.m.

May 17  
May 24  
May 31  
June 7



The PEAL Center is an organization of parents of children with special health care needs and disabilities reaching out to assist other parents and professionals.

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**Taught by Kimberly S. Simon**

*M.Ed. Special Education for the Hearing Impaired  
Early Education of the Handicapped Certification  
B.S. Child Development/Child Care*

**Target Audience**—Parents, infants, toddlers, and young children, birth to kindergarten, who would like to use another avenue to improve their communication skills. Children must be accompanied by their parent/caregiver. Additional family members, teachers, or therapists are welcome to attend. This sign language class is intended for all children, regardless of their disability label. Dress comfortably since this is a “hands on” class!

**Class size**—10 to 12 children

**Length of class**—The course consists of three lessons of 75 minutes at each session.

**Course Topics**—Each lesson introduces about 30 to 40 basic signs. Lessons are organized by these topic areas: First Signs, Mealtime Signs, Bed and Bath Signs, Animal Signs, Playtime Signs and Dressing Signs. Lessons incorporate visual and concrete cues, singing, art, stories, games and play-based activities. The *Tiny Fingers to Tiny Voices* course is based on American Sign Language.

**Course Outcomes**—Sign language has been researched and proven very beneficial for the language development of early communicators. Sign language combined with expressive language helps give children another way to communicate their wants and needs. Facilitating communication between child and parent can help reduce frustrations felt by the child, parent and educator alike.

### Testimonials

*There is no doubt that Kim's instruction played a significant part in my daughter's language development. I firmly believe that Kim's instruction not only furthered my daughter's ability to communicate by signing, but also to eventually communicate using words.* —Parent and PA/Nationally Certified School Psychologist

*Kim has truly made a remarkable impact in our son's ability to communicate with others. The signing was the visual component that my child needed to make the connection so he would utilize his words. His words also became clearer and more consistent as we progressed with Kim's program.* —Parent of child with expressive speech delays

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### Registration form

Questions: 412-281-4404 or toll free 866-950-1040

1. Homestead  2. Cranberry Township

CHILD First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Child's exceptionality if diagnosed \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/CAREGIVER First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ IU \_\_\_\_\_ School District of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Participant(s) \_\_\_\_\_



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**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**Registration deadline:**

**5 days prior to the start of each session**

**Mail this registration form to**

**The PEAL Center or**

**Reply by fax 412-281-4408 or**

**E-mail to: [Admin@pealcenter.org](mailto:Admin@pealcenter.org)**

Use “Sign Language” as the title of your message  
Include all information requested on this form.