

# Announcement: Serving Families Using American Sign Language Through Tele-Intervention

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## **Serving Families Using American Sign Language Through Tele-Intervention**

**March 29, 2021**

**1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

**Connection information will be sent 2 days prior to the session**

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2020 brought unexpected challenges for families and service providers, but also offered opportunities to grow and learn new ways to make visual language accessible for young deaf or hard of hearing children and their families. Tele-intervention has given providers the opportunity to work with family members and meet them on their schedules. Coaching families has become an integral part of sessions with families, as they are the ones who are physically with the children and providing access to visual language on a daily basis. Providers have also honed their skills in developing a variety of visual language resources for families, which they can view again and again, and at their convenience.

Join us on Monday, March 29, 2021 for an overview of various apps, techniques, and programs that can be used to create resources and materials aimed to provide ongoing visual language access for young children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Participants will see real examples of digital resources and strategies used with children from birth through age five for both individual and group sessions.

This session will be presented in American Sign Language by Joanne Geppert and Janell Bunn. Voice interpreters will be provided. If you need any additional accommodations please indicate your need on the registration link at least 2 weeks prior to the webinar.

Joanne Geppert was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. She has been a teacher at Maryland School for the Deaf for 29 years, and has been with the Family Education and Childhood Education Department for the last four years. She currently teaches the infant class and provides home visits to students and their families. In her 29 years with MSD, Joanne has taught all ages, from the infant class up to the middle school classes. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from Gallaudet University, and a Master's Degree in Deaf Education from McDaniel College.

Janell Bunn Verdin grew up in Minnesota. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics: Child Development, and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Gallaudet

University. Janell has been teaching for around 30 years, and has worked at MSD in the Family Education and Early Childhood Department for 16 years. She currently teaches the two year old class and provides home visits to students and their families. Janell is a trained Deaf Mentor.

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Registration link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QFQJPSQ>