

FEMA, Cal OES and the National CERT Association Presents  
**American Sign Language 101 for CERT**

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022, from 1:00pm-3:00pm ET, 10am to 12pm PT**

**Training delivered by AQI Interpreting Services**

The FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division is partnering with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and the National CERT Association (NCA) to host a training is going to focus on the communication needs for including Deaf and Hard of Hearing participants in your CERT program.

Typically, a person with a hearing loss and uses sign language as their primary mode of communication requires accommodations to fully understand presentations spoken in English. American Sign Language (ASL) and English are not the same. ASL has it own grammar and syntax with just as much richness and nuance as any other language. The instructors will bring a perspective of being Deaf, a sign language interpreter and a person with a mild to moderate hearing loss and learning sign language.

Please join us as you learn techniques to enhance your curriculum to include Deaf and Hard of Hearing community members to your class. You will also learn a few survival signs used for Emergency management situations such as hurt, pain, where, water, name, and many more!

**Who should attend?** FEMA Staff, Whole Community, Local, State, Federal government, Private Sector, Philanthropic entities, Emergency Managers,

**Registration:** <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/aslcert/event/registration.html>

Make sure to [test your Adobe Connect](#) before the meeting.

This event will include live captioning. If you need additional accommodations, please email [fema-r2-prepares@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r2-prepares@fema.dhs.gov).



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