Thank you for your interest in the Fingerspelling Our Way to Reading curriculum. This curriculum is designed for students in K-3 and provides a focus on phonological awareness of fingerspelling as a decoding strategy to enhance word recognition along with a reading comprehension program focusing on applying reading strategies.

In order to implement the curriculum, you must attend either an 8-hour in-person training or a virtual training that is presented in two 4-hour sessions on consecutive days. If your school or program cannot host a training, but you are interested in the curriculum, you can opt to attend a training hosted by the Clerc Center in the request form. If you are curious about the curriculum, we will offer a video of a curriculum overview sometime in the new school year.

We also provide 1-1 training for in-school/in-program coaches if your school or program is in need of ongoing support. We do provide the train-the-trainer program for those who want to train state- or nationwide. You will need to be an experienced instructor of the curriculum and go through the interview to be eligible for the training session.

We are currently following up on the list of requests, and we will start scheduling training for 2022-2023 in September. We will be back in contact with you regarding future training opportunities. In the meantime, please fill out this request form, which allows us to gather specific information so we can follow up with you accordingly.

Information on the costs of the training will be shared with you in September. If the training requires the presenter to travel, your school/organization will be billed for transportation, lodging, and meal expenses.

Please feel free to contact us at clerccenter.fingerspelling@gallaudet.edu if you have questions.