

INTRODUCING

# The Clerc Center Online Community

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**The Online Community** meets a longstanding need for a centrally accessible site where families and professionals alike can go to take advantage of the Clerc Center's deep portfolio of resources and expertise in deaf education.

Members benefit from best-practice resources, learning plans with professional development certificates, and message boards with networking opportunities.



**17,125 Members**  
across all 50 states



**15,000+**  
learning plans started



**4,000+**  
active users



**3 live events**  
hosted in 2023

## Sample Learning Plans



### Engineering Can Be Fun

Demonstrating how to teach Forces & Motion to deaf elementary school children



### Steam is Everywhere

Introducing electronics and robotics in high school classrooms to deaf students



### What is Your E-Superpower?

Enhancing, empowering, and empathizing in the school environment



## Video Library for deaf educators

In 2024, our education team is producing hundreds of best-practice instructional videos for teachers that will be hosted in the Online Community. Example topics include:

- Establishing a language-rich environment
- Defining access for deaf and hard of hearing children
- Reading to children in ASL and English



The needs of children are **REAL**

# REAL Services & Programs

## Family Services

Join us for ASL classes, Deaf Mentorship, Bilingual Storybooks, Family Learning vacations, and the Clerc Center Online Community.

## Early Intervention Providers

Visit us for resources to support your work with deaf and hard of hearing babies: training, research, resources, and tools to use with the families you serve.

## Medical Professionals

Stay tuned for continuing medical education courses on language deprivation and ensuring equity for deaf and hard of hearing babies.



## 2024 Early Intervention Priorities

- Develop and distribute “Train the Trainer” kits for Early Interventionists and 1st responders nationwide
- Launch nationwide Bilingual Storybook app marketing campaign
- Host Regional Symposium for EI Coordinators in South
- Complete 2-Year Family Language Curriculum



## CLERC CENTER STATE PARTNERSHIPS

# Expanding Excellence in National Deaf Education

Eager to build off our successful 5-school state partnership pilot in 2023, the Clerc Center is actively seeking funds to expand into more deaf schools across the United States.

## Our Approach

1

Review  
and Assess

2

Tailor  
Recommendations  
for Best Practice

3

Deliver Professional  
Development  
and Training

4

Exchange Ideas  
& Build School  
Networks