

Resources: Freelance Interpreting Agencies

Province-wide

Choice of Interpreters (COI)

www.choiceofinterpreters.com

Choice is “a company with a business model that believes in ‘paying it forward’ and giving back to the Deaf community. The vision of Choice of Interpreters is to work collectively with the Alberta Deaf community in bringing benefits directly to individuals or groups.”

Deaf and Hear Alberta (DHA)

www.deafandhearalberta.ca

Deaf and Hear Alberta offers interpreting services and “exists to enhance the lives of Deaf, deafened or hard of hearing individuals and those with whom they interact by coordinating and advocating for equal communication access via professionally trained Sign Language Interpreters.”

NICA Consolidated

www.nicaconsolidated.com

NICA offers “over 25 years of field experience working with deaf, hard-of-hearing and Deaf/blind persons and those ‘hearing’ (non-deaf) individuals with whom they communicate in a wide variety of settings.”

Northern Alberta

Centralized Interpreter Service (CIS)

<http://www.the-family-centre.com/services/centralized-interpreter-services-cis/>

NOTE: CIS only contracts with organizations to provide interpreters, not individuals. However, you may refer organizations to CIS.

Southern Alberta

Freelance Interpreters Consolidated Inc. (FLIC)

www.flicinterpreting.com

FLIC operates with “the mandate to provide services that are a profile match to the needs of both Deaf and hearing consumers...(Their) roster of professionally trained sign language interpreters (possess) a variety of specialties to meet your interpreting needs.”

Symmetry Solutions

www.symmetrysolutions.ca

Symmetry Solutions “provides Deaf and hard of hearing people with employment and career support.”

Resources: American Sign Language (ASL) Classes

While many of the classes below are geared for adults only, they would be good starting points for you to begin learning the language so that you and your child can have direct access to one another linguistically. Contact with instructors in these courses may also lead to networking opportunities and ideas for ways to improve your language learning.

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (Edmonton)

www.chha-ed.com/classes/asl_classes.html

Chinook Learning Services

<http://www.chinooklearningservices.com/ContEd/AdultCourses/Sign-Language-Get-Started.html>

Deaf and Hear Alberta

www.deafandhearalberta.ca

Offers family-focused ASL classes specifically for you and your children.

Edmonton Public Schools

<http://www.metrocontinuingeducation.ca/coned/> (click on languages)

University of Calgary Continuing Education

<http://conted.ucalgary.ca/index.jsp> (put ASL in the search field)

Signing Exact English (S.E.E.) Classes

S.E.E. Support

<https://www.facebook.com/seesupport/>