

## **BENEFITS OF SIGNING**

1. Infant can communicate wants and needs at an earlier age, which can lower frustration levels of child and provider
2. Infant may learn to speak earlier (because sign language is used in conjunction with speaking, teach your infant or toddler to talk as you sign)
2. Child may have a higher I. Q. (research suggests as much as 10 points higher)
4. Child may have an easier time learning a second language later in life
5. Provider and child create a deeper bond and a higher level of trust
6. Provider receives greater insight into child mind
7. Reduces noise levels in homes and centers
8. Shows that the provider is actively participating in child's development
9. Cut down on aggressive behavior – such as hitting and biting
10. Help provider identify injuries or pain
11. Will help children be interested in books
12. Create educational environment where ALL children can successfully learn