

## KANSAS SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

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# Kansas School for the Deaf Outreach Department Deaf Mentor Program

## **Program Purpose**

To provide information to hearing families of children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing including what it is like to be deaf in a hearing world, how to create a bilingual environment for a child who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing, assistance in learning American Sign Language (ASL) & understanding early visual communication development, and what to expect for their child when growing up

#### Deaf Mentor Program Includes:

- Ongoing home visits with family
- Use of National SKI-HI Deaf Mentor Curriculum
- Service based on family's individual needs and goals
- Assist family in learning American Sign Language
- Explain how early visual communication develops and learn strategies to encourage development of visual communication
- Teach family about Deaf Culture
- Bridge between family and Deaf Culture through events and activities

## **Brief job/position descriptions\*:**

Focus on five areas during home visits: Language/Communication, Making the Child's World

Accessible, Deaf Culture, Literacy, and Building Community for the Child and Family Must be an individual who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Ability to support families from a wide variety of backgrounds, cultural and ethnic group without bias

Share her/his experience growing up as a Deaf or Hard of Hearing person

Teach early sign language to parents/families and connect families to sign language classes.

## **Essential Duties/Responsibilities:**

Required to attend 3 days training for Deaf Mentor Program (we will provide training) Weekly home visit (30 sessions in total & split 15 sessions per semester) during school year

For more information about the Deaf Mentor Program, contact:

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#### \*this will be a paid position\*

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Upon offer of employment a background check will be conducted via the KS Bureau of Investigation, Backgrounds Plus consents, Kansas Department of Children and Family Services, Sex Offender Listing, and Work Reference consent. Also a Tuberculosis test & Health Certificate must be passed upon offer of employment (cost borne by employee).

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 18, 2019.

For consideration request an official KSD application or go to our website and submit application for KSD review.

(ASL & Writing skills will be assessed)

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