



Council for
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Children

Division for
Communication, Language, and
Deaf/Hard of Hearing



Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2026

A Word from Our President



Hello DCD family,

It fills my heart with joy to know that, as educators, you continue to use your skills and talents to support students with communication disorders and students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Each day, you create access, understanding, and possibility; shaping confidence, connection, and opportunity in ways that reach far beyond the classroom, even as changes in education policy and staffing create real challenges across the country.

As we welcome the new year, DCD hopes this message offers a moment to pause and reflect on the care you bring to your work and the impact you make simply by showing up. As we look ahead, I truly hope to see you at the CEC Convention, and we are excited to share amazing professional development webinars as we continue to support you through learning and connection. If at any point you need support, encouragement, or connection, our inbox is always open at admin@dcdcec.org. Thank you for the steady, meaningful work you do every day.

With gratitude,
LaKisha “Kisha” Stanley

Check out the latest article from our president!

Pathways to Leadership: When Others See the Leader in You, with LaKisha Stanley

[Click Here to Check Out the Article!](#)

Upcoming Events

CEC Convention



CEC 2026

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONVENTION & EXPO

[Click Here to Attend!](#)

Each year at the CEC Convention & Expo, thousands of special education professionals from around the world come together to learn, share, grow, and connect. With hundreds of sessions on just about every topic in the field, the CEC Convention & Expo is THE professional development event for special educators to find research, tips, and strategies you can actually apply to support students with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

When: March 11-14, 2026

Where: Salt Lake City, Utah

More information about DCD gatherings and events will be coming in our March membership email. We hope to see you there!



CEC & DCD Live Webinar | Building Vocabulary Foundations for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: Connecting Research to Practice



Dr. Casey Reimer



Dr. Amanda Rudge

This webinar will guide learners through current research findings, highlight data, and translate evidence-based insights into practical strategies that can be used in classrooms.

Learners will be able to...

- o Summarize current research on vocabulary development for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- o Explain findings from presenter-led research studies examining vocabulary growth rates and outcomes from an intervention-based approach.
- o Apply research findings to practical strategies for supporting vocabulary development for children who are deaf or hard of hearing across early intervention, preschool, and school-aged settings.

When: February 24, 2026 at 2pm

Where: Live Webinar

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

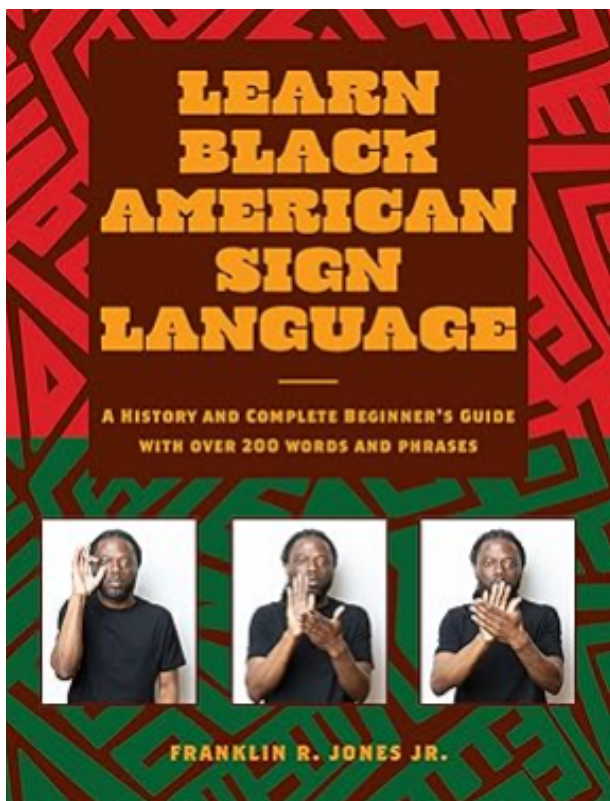
News and Announcements

Now Streaming with ASL...



The Pitt (with ASL) is now streaming on Max Original! This series is about the staff at Pittsburgh Trauma Medical Center juggle personal crises, workplace politics, and high emotions in this Emmy-winning drama series!

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Now Available....

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