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HANDTALKERS, LLC is now offering new sign language classes starting the week of August 31, 2011 for Wednesday evenings (or on September 3rd for Saturday classes) for the Early Fall A Semester. Look at attached class registration for day/time choices of your appropriate ASL level to register. The location of the classes are at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center of the Treasure Coast Inc. (DHHS), in Jensen Beach. The class registration form and policy is on their website, www.dhhstc.org. Feel free to download and print the form. On the form, there are several choices of time/date as well as Level 1-6 classes & Conversational 1 (students must complete level 6 before registering Conversational 1) to choose from. When completed, mail the form with a check (payable to **HANDTALKERS, LLC**) or you can drop it off at the DHHS office.

Levels 1 - 6 are now being offered this Early Fall and each semester is 5 weeks in duration. Each session meets once a week for 1.5 hours.

Private instructions for advanced signers and interpreters in training are available also. Please call for appointments.

Course description for all ASL Level classes will be explained on the next page for you. This will help you have a better idea of which level you think your skills are at in order for you to decide which appropriate class level to register.

If you are interested in pursuing a signing language interpreting certification, and have no signing skills, you need to start at Level 1 and work your way up toward Interpreter in Training. It takes many courses, practice and getting involved in the Deaf Community to become comfortable and fluent in American Sign Language. Sign language students must have an understanding about the Deaf Culture is all about in order to be a good interpreter.

There is a free half hour first time consultant visit to discuss any general questions you have, in addition to setting goals for your future with interpreting. Call to set up an appointment with me at the number listed on the left side.

I am also the President of the Treasure Coast ASL Club which meets monthly, every other week. It was launched two years ago and has been a very successful. I have built a bridge between the deaf and hearing communities in the Treasure Coast with this club.

Share this exciting news with friends and families who would be interested in learning sign language!

Sincerely,

Robin J. Peterson

ASL CLASSES COURSE DESCRIPTION:

LEVEL 1

Throughout this course, new visual learning tools are introduced such as basic vocabulary signs, alphabet fingerspelling, basic ASL grammar, receptive skills, and non-manual signals (facial expression). Deaf Culture will also be discussed as a part of a new journey into American Sign Language.

LEVEL 2

The students will gain an expansion knowledge in basic vocabulary signs, increase of grammatical knowledge & increase use of non-manual signals (*facial expression*). The students will now be introduced to mouth morphemes and fluency motion of expressive skills.

** *Must complete and perform basic signing skills at Level 1 before registering level 2.* **

LEVEL 3

The students will continue to improve their speed, coordination and motor skills with fingerspelling; as well as continuing to advance their vocabulary, ASL grammar and syntax. This course also offers an introduction to basic classifiers, quantifiers and locatives.

LEVEL 4

This course focuses on different areas of classifiers, mouth morphemes, the expansion of directional verbs and the incorporation of numbers into grammar. Students will continue further instruction on advanced grammar and syntax knowledge.

LEVEL 5

Students will engage in mini-conversational dialogues while continuing with increasing speed on their coordination and motor skills with Receptive/Expressive skills. Semantics with focus on topicalization order; conjunctions and distributional aspects will also be introduced and focused on during this course.

LEVEL 6

This course offers a cumulative review of previous levels 1 - 6. Vocabulary, appropriate use of ASL grammar and syntax for transliteration from English to ASL and using dialogues with NMS (Expressive skills) for ASL conversations. Short storytelling will also be incorporated into lessons.