



The New York Foundling

Since our bold beginnings in 1869, The New York Foundling has supported hundreds of thousands of our neighbors on their own paths to stability, strength, and independence. With an internationally-recognized and interrelated set of research-backed services, The Foundling works in partnership with children, families, and adults in New York and in Puerto Rico who are working to create transformational change in their own lives.

The Foundling's Deaf Services

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**Creating greater
accessibility for Deaf,
DeafBlind, and Hard of
Hearing families across
New York City.**



WHAT WE DO

Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing children, adults, and families can face barriers to accessing culturally and linguistically responsive services and supports. The Foundling's Deaf Services works to reduce these barriers by providing accessible, family-centered services directly in American Sign Language (ASL).

Operating as part of the Foundling's Partners for Change program, Deaf Services provides Functional Family Therapy (FFT). This evidence-based, family-focused model helps families strengthen relationships, improve communication, address challenges, and build on their strengths.

In addition to FFT, Deaf Services offers Parenting Journey: a strength-based, trauma-informed therapeutic group for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing parents and caregivers. Through guided reflection and group support, participants explore their own parenting experiences, identify strengths, strengthen relationships with their children, and develop strategies that support their growth as caregivers. *Participation in FFT is not required to enroll in Parenting Journey.*

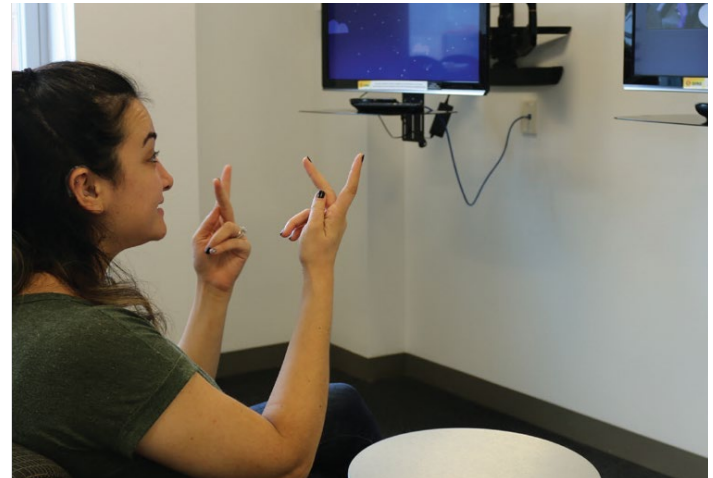
Our Deaf Services team includes clinicians who are fluent in American Sign Language (ASL), allowing families to receive services directly in their preferred language. The team also provides ASL interpretation services to help support communication access when needed.

"For many years there has been no access for the Deaf community. I felt very welcome here. I'm able to express myself with Deaf staff. They've helped me here. It's a very special place."

- Victor, a father from Queens, whose relationship with his son has grown stronger thanks to The Foundling.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Family therapy through Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- Support strengthening family communication and relationships
- Parenting support and skill development
- Parenting Journey groups for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing parents and caregivers
- Advocacy and support navigating systems
- Linkage and referrals to community resources



HOW WE WORK WITH FAMILIES

The Foundling's Deaf Services program supports families with children (ages 0-17) that have at least one Deaf or Hard of Hearing member. Families must reside in New York City (any borough).

Services are provided - at no cost - in families' homes, with accommodation and communication access provided as needed.

Our clinicians work collaboratively with each family to understand their unique strengths, needs, and goals and to strengthen the family system.