

Introducing the Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEAD-K) Framework: Language Milestones, Assessment, and Resources to Support Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Children

Join special guests, Julie Rems-Smario, Ed.D. from the California Department of Education (CDE) Deaf Education Office and Cornelia Taylor, Ph.D. from Desired Results Access Project, for a practical introduction to LEAD-K Language Milestones Assessment for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) children (birth through age five) during this no-cost, virtual session. In alignment with Senate Bill (SB) 210 and California Education Code § 56326.5, all children who are DHH must be assessed every six months to monitor language growth and report results to the CDE. This assessment replaces the SKI-HI Language Development Scale and reflects California's recognition of American Sign Language (ASL) and English as languages of instruction.

This session will clarify statewide requirements, walk through assessment procedures, and provide guidance on how to use results to inform Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) and Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Participants will leave with practical tools to strengthen early language access, accountability, and kindergarten readiness.

Who Should Attend

- ✓ Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- ✓ Early Start service providers
- ✓ Speech and Language Pathologists
- ✓ School Psychologists
- ✓ Special Education administrators and SELPA staff
- ✓ IFSP and IEP team members

What You'll Learn

- ✓ The purpose, structure, and administration process of the CDE LEAD-K Language Milestones Assessment.
- ✓ How SB 210 language milestones guide IFSP and IEP language goals and service planning.
- ✓ How to interpret results and meet statewide submission and reporting requirements.

Register Today

Date & Registration Information

April 28, 2026

3 to 5:00 p.m.

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.

American Sign Language interpretation will be provided. Closed captioning is available via Zoom. Post-training recording will be available on our website approximately two weeks after the session.

