



ASL Assessment for Birth to Five:

Visual Communication & Sign Language Checklist (VCSL)

Presented by Sharon Baker, Co-author of the VCSL

November 9, 2017, 9:00am—3:30p



Workshop Description: This workshop will provide an introduction to the Visual Communication and Sign Language checklist (VCSL), including information on how the assessment was developed and standardized. Participants will learn how to administer and score the VCSL using both the paper-pencil format and the VCSL:Online system, which includes the ability to generate reports. In addition, after reviewing items on the checklist, participants will work together to develop activities that facilitate the acquisition of language skills in different age categories.

About the VCSL: The VCSL is the only standardized assessment of sign language acquisition in young children birth to five. It was standardized with a national sample of deaf children from signing families and first published as a paper-pencil checklist in 2013. In 2016, an online version was released by VL2. The VCSL:Online provides for greater reliability, ease of use, automated scoring and report generation, and data storage and retrieval.

This workshop will be presented in ASL. Voice interpreters will be provided.

Priority registration will be given to birth to two providers and preschool teachers. Maximum number of participants is 27.

Location:

Seattle School District,
John Stafford Building,
2445 3rd Ave. S,
Seattle 98124

Cost: \$100 workshop fee
\$75 VCSL manual fee

Participants must purchase a VCSL manual. This manual will be offered at half price, \$75 instead of \$150, to workshop participants. (If several individuals from one building are attending, one kit per building will be fine). The manual comes with a DVD ASL glossary, and a rating sheet.

Clock hours available through NCESD.

Instructions will be sent with confirmation of registration



Sharon Baker is a professor of Deaf Education at the University of Tulsa. She along with Laurene Simms and Diane Clark created and standardized the VCSL. Dr. Baker served as an affiliated researcher at the Center for Visual Language and Visual Learning (VL2) at Gallaudet University. She is the author of two research briefs published by VL2: The Importance of Early Visual Language and the Importance of Fingerspelling for Reading.

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Send registration form to Washington Sensory Disabilities Services, 400 E University Way MS-7409, Ellensburg, WA 98926 (make checks payable to CWU)

Questions - Contact Christy Camarata at christy.camarata@cwu.edu, 509.963.1670

Name: _____

Email address: _____

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Home Address: _____

District: _____

Position: _____

Payment includes:

\$100 registration fee

\$75 VCSL manual fee

Registration Deadline:

October 30