



**ACCESS means:**

**Achievement  
Community  
Continuing-  
Education  
Supports  
Services**

A.E.R.O.  
Cooperative  
James W. Gunnell  
Director  
7600 S. Mason Ave.  
Burbank, IL 60459  
www.aerosped.org  
main 708.496.3330  
tty 708.496.0163  
fax 708.496.3920

Member School Districts

Summit 104  
Willow Springs 108  
Indian Springs 109  
Central Stickney 110  
Burbank 111  
Ridgeland 122  
Oak Lawn-Hometown 123  
Evergreen Park 124  
Argo HS 217  
Reavis HS 220  
Oak Lawn HS 229  
Evergreen Park HS 231



*(Free Parent and Staff Workshop)*

*Functional American Sign  
Language for Beginners*

Participants will

- learn 50 or more words in American Sign Language learn about the ‘functional’ signs that are related to
  - safety, self-determination, survival, conversational, and commonly used basic verbs (actions) and nouns (things) for the school and home environments
- practice the signs together
- discuss disability culture and sign language for learners with developmental disabilities and autism
- learn how to teach the signs to others
- learn how sign language assists communication development

The focus of this workshop is for using sign language with learners with developmental disabilities and Autism, but is open to anyone who wants to learn some beginning sign language.

**Date:** February 7, 2012

**Workshop Time:** 9:00 – 2:00 (Lunch is included)

**Location:** at A.E.R.O. Center  
7600 S. Mason Ave.  
Burbank, IL 60459

(Participants **must park at Reavis H.S.**, enter on Austin & 77<sup>th</sup> St.)  
(You must be registered for the workshop and have a picture ID.)

**Presented by:** Andrea Dinaro and Mary Coughlin

**Translation:** **If requested, this workshop can be offered with Spanish, Polish and/or Arabic translators, but you must preregister and request the translation service**

**Open to:** Any parents/guardians or staff members in AERO’s districts. (Open to others if space is available).

**Registration Deadline:** January 31, 2012

**Registration Information:** This workshop is FREE but you must register and say if you need a translator for Spanish, Polish or Arabic. See reverse side for registration information. Spaces are limited.

For additional information, contact Andrea Dinaro, Curriculum and Professional Development Coordinator, at [adinaro@aerosped.org](mailto:adinaro@aerosped.org) or 708-496-3330 ext 170.

**There will be no childcare available for this workshop.**

**FREE PARENT WORKSHOP**

**A.E.R.O. ACCESS ACADEMY WORKSHOPS**

*Attendance is limited and the class will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.*

**PARENT REGISTRATION FORM**

**Registration cost: FREE**

**Required\* (please print clearly)**

**\*Title of Workshop: Functional American Sign Language for Beginners**

**\*Date: February 7, 2012 \*Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**\*Attendee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_**  
(to reach you very early or late in case of weather or cancellation)

**Please indicate if you have any food-related allergies or dietary restriction:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you require any disability-related accommodations? \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_

**For which language do you need a translator?**

None needed       SPANISH       POLISH       ARABIC

**TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:**

> mail to 7600 S. Mason Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459

> or fax to (708) 496-3920

**Submit this form to A.E.R.O. ACCESS ACADEMY Attn: Barb Zachery**

**There will be no childcare available for this workshop.**

