

## **Virginia Head Start Association**

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Dear Time to Sign, Inc.

On behalf of the Virginia Head Start Association (VAHSA), I am writing to highly recommend Lillian Hubler for speaking engagements, especially for any organization working with children and families. She was energetic, motivating, knowledgeable, and equally entertaining.

She was noted 24 times on our evaluations as being the best presenter at our conference. Not only was she well-liked, she was also very generous in giving ideas and materials for use in the classroom. She empowered our Head Start caregivers. Her genuine love for the children and her mission of communication with sign language for the betterment of relationships and self-regulation among children was very evident.

The comments from our participants on the conference evaluations speak for themselves! An openended question asking about a main message the participant gained from the 3-day conference, you can see that overwhelmingly, Lillian Hubler was able to connect with our audience:

- Sign Language can be a universal language
- That we all make a great difference in a child's life
- The use of sign language can help you with your children
- Sign Language, love it
- Sign to get children's attention
- Learning occurs through loving, secure, nurturing relationship: ASL bridges languages the sign is the same in ASL for mom and madre
- Children can learn at an earlier age using sign language
- The key is to engage children in everything
- We are called to touch a life and we never know when we have the biggest effect
- A very good reminder about how important our roles in the lives of children/families are
- I realized that I would like to renew a lot more of my education, including taking sign language
- Making connections and the impact to the brain of a child
- Sign language will be more common in the future
- Communicate and engage with children they know so much more than we give them credit for; sign with even our very youngest children
- Sign language is fun and a great way to teach/learn
- Sign language is a fun and positive way to start the day
- Sign language is also good for engaging and teaching children, helps with attention too
- Using sign language in everyday activities emotions/self-regulation
- The importance of communicating with our children and teachers
- Communication is important
- How to involve/engage children; sign language is powerful
- It only takes one person to make a difference in a child's life

- As an educator, we matter in the lives of the children
- It only takes one person to make a difference in a child's life; I will think of this every day when I drive to work
- Start with the sign language from the average to the genius child, they all benefit
- Use music in the classroom; incorporate sign language
- One person can make a world of difference!

I highly recommend Lillian Hubler as your next speaker. She is a clear example of someone who loves what she does, and her knowledge and ideas are infectious. Your audience will remember her long after the conference is over. To me, is the true sign of a talented and impactful presenter wo can make a difference in the lives of educators, children, and families.

Sincerely,

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