

Family Signs

Teleintervention Program:

Sign Language Support for Families
Texas and Beyond!

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Family Signs Program

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Who We Are



KANSAS SCHOOL for the **DEAF**

A RESOURCE FOR DEAFNESS SINCE 1861

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Our Goal Today:



Testimonial:

Thanks for all y'all do - my signing has benefitted so much from this class. I try to spread the word where ever I go. I never ever want to miss a conversation with my child. Ever! 3 years without being able to communicate with her was 3 years too long!!! ♥



Brief Background on *Family Signs*

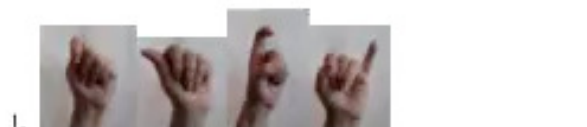
- In operation for 7 years
- Instructors used
- Videoconferencing programs used



TRUE+WORK ASL Workbook

Unit 1.3

Part I. Decoding the fingerspelled words.



Part II. Watch the signer fingerspell and then write down the fingerspelled word.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

<see next page for more exercises>

Changes in the Past Year

- OmniJoin
- Professional Learning Communities
- Advancing Curricula (Signing Naturally, True Work ASL)
- Screening tool for instructors

Other Tele-Intervention Sign Support Programs

- Arkansas School for the Deaf: Signing With Families
- Kansas: Family Signs Kansas
- The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: ASL for Families
- Wisconsin: Deaf Mentor Program First Step

Family Signs Contrasts

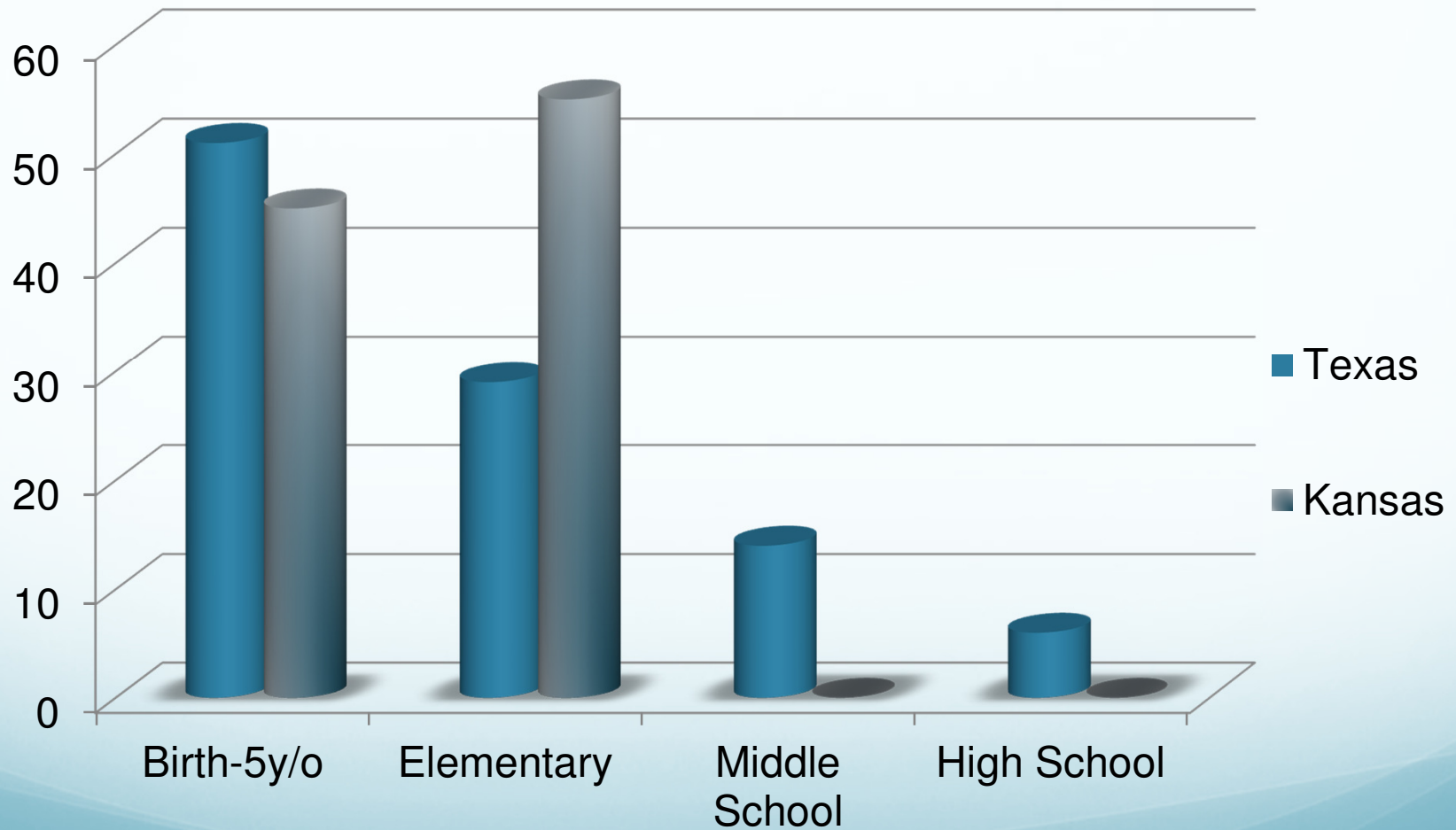
TEXAS

- \$47,000/year (grant)
- Skype, Google+, OmniJoin
- Formstack
- 30+minute class/week
- Bravo, Signing Naturally, TWA (all online)
- Avg. 60 students/semester
- 8-10 paid instructors (+paid coordinator)

KANSAS

- \$9,000/year (grant)
- Skype
- Survey Monkey
- 45-60 min. class/week
- Start ASL (online)
- Avg. 11 students/semester
- 8 paid instructors

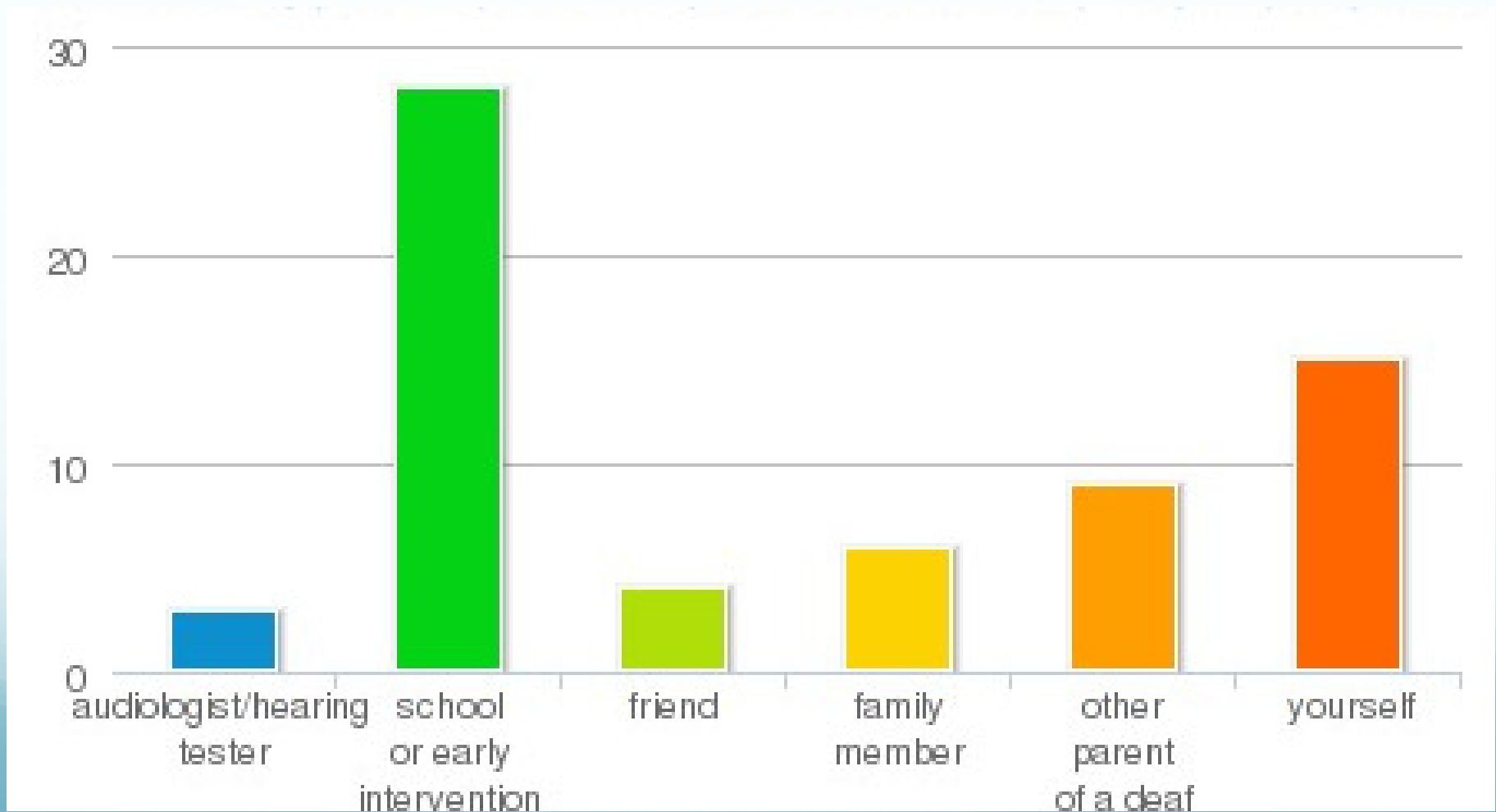
Ages of Children (%)



Family Signs Kansas

- Title VI Grant Money Received Fall 2013
- Connected with *Family Signs*
- Modified *Family Signs* information to fit Kansas
- Advertised/Interviewed/Hired Instructors
- Trained Instructors
- Advertised for Families
- Classes began January 2014

How did parent hear about *Family Signs*?



Join Us!

- Facebook PLC (Tele-
Intervention: Sign Support)
- Today! 12:30-1:45 Grand Ballroom 1 (bring
your lunch)
- Lynn Reichert: familysigns@tsd.state.tx.us
- Erin Schuweiler: eschuweiler@kssdb.org
- NCHAM T-I Guide: www.infanthearing.org/ti-guide/