

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, DSN Boards; CEOs, Contracted Service Providers;
Day Program Directors; and Residential Program Directors

FROM: Constance Holloway, Office Director *CH*

DATE: November 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Basic Sign Language Workshop

Communication is at the heart of quality support and meaningful connection for the people we serve. Some of the individuals within our programs use sign language as their primary means of communication. To strengthen our ability to support and engage all individuals, Rachell Johnson, MCD., CCC-SLP, ATP and the Center for Developmental Resources will host two (2) in-person Basic Sign Language workshops for staff.

This interactive session will introduce participants to:

- Common sign language vocabulary and phrases used in daily living;
- Basic conversational skills to enhance communication with residents and day program attendees; and
- Practical tools for building inclusion and understanding through communication.

By learning even a few basic signs, staff can help foster trust, promote independence, and ensure that every person's voice is heard—regardless of the way they communicate. As noted, the workshops are an in-person event and spaces are limited. Registration is required and priority will be given to those who respond first. Use the links provided to register for the workshop that best fits your schedule. Registration will end on the date specified on the workshop's registration page, or once the training has reached capacity.

Basic Sign Language Workshops	
Tuesday, December 2, 2025 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM REGISTER HERE	Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board 364 Evergreen Skills Road, Laurens, South Carolina 29360
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM REGISTER HERE	*Midlands Regional Center Center for Disability Resources Training Room 8301 Farrow Road Columbia, South Carolina 29203

*A map of the Midlands Regional Center Campus has been attached for your convenience.

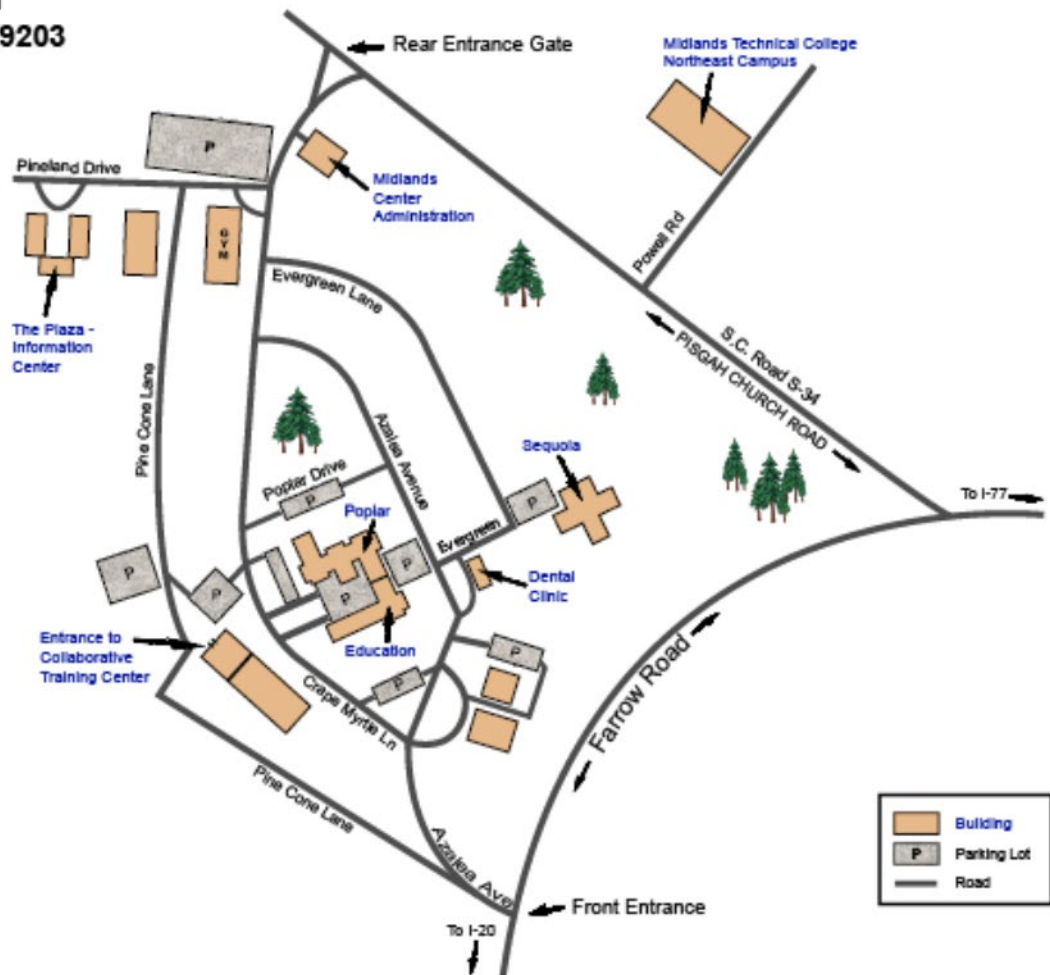
Together, let's continue building a culture of respect, inclusion, and meaningful communication for all individuals we serve. Should you have questions, please contact Becky Peters at Becky.Peters@DDSN.sc.gov.

Attachment: Midlands Regional Center Campus Map

Directions to the Center for Disability Resources on the Midlands Center Campus
Midlands Center is located on Farrow Road between I-77 and I-20 in Columbia, SC
8301 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203 - Phone (803) 935-5231

- From either I-77 or I-20 exit on Farrow Road (Route 555)
- From I-20 (Exit #72 - turn away from Columbia):
Midlands Center is appropriately 1 mile on the left.
- From I-77 (Exit #19 - turn toward Columbia):
Midlands Center is appropriately 1 mile on the right.
- There are signs on Farrow Road at the entrance to Midlands Center.
- When you enter the Midlands Center campus from Farrow Road you will be on Azalea Avenue. Continue on Azalea Avenue. Take the second left onto Crape Myrtle Drive. Next take the first right into the parking lot for the Education Building (Collaborative A). Enter the building at the door with the "Center for Disability Resources / University of South Carolina" sign.

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