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Good sign for babies

MURRUMBA Downs mum Natalie O'Hara is signing off a new career with babies.

Ms O'Hara has the Pine Rivers franchise for Australian Baby Hands classes which teach mothers and babies to communicate with Australian Sign Language, better known as AUSLAN.

"Babies love to move their hands from an early age to catch our attention," Ms O'Hara said.

"We can build on that by teaching them AUSLAN and giving them the gift of communication before they can speak," she said.

She said babies would be able to indicate they wanted a drink, were hungry or wanted a cuddle.

Ms O'Hara said her own children had learned to sign.

"I have a passion for AUSLAN and have seen the many benefits of using baby sign language with my own children," she said. "Much of the original

"Much of the original interest in baby sign language began with research into babies in deaf families, who, immersed in a signing environment, began to use simple signs from as early as six months,"

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■ Communication skills ... Keeley O'Hara, 4, signs using AUSLAN.

