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Ensuring effective communication through the provision of qualified interpreters



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Who am I and why are we here?

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What is RID's role, anyway?

- o To promote excellence in the delivery of interpretation and transliteration services between and among people who use signed and spoken languages.
- o To encourage the growth of the profession through the establishment of a national standard for qualified sign language interpreters and transliterators.

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Objectives

- o Understand the difference between "certified" and "qualified" interpreters.
- o List factors integral to determining an interpreters qualifications.
- o Explain the role of Certified Deaf Interpreters in providing effective communication.
- o Identify key considerations when working with professional interpreter referral agencies.

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In the Matter of Certified vs. Qualified

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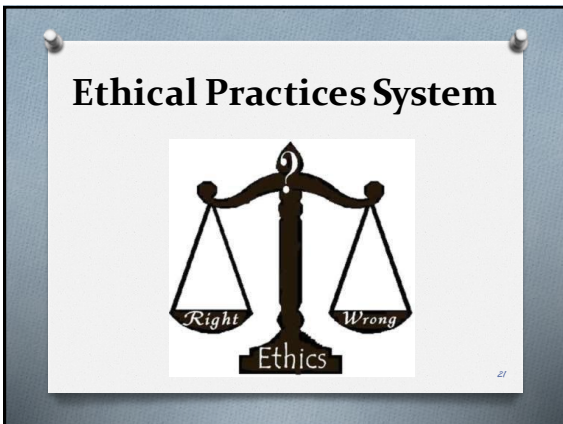














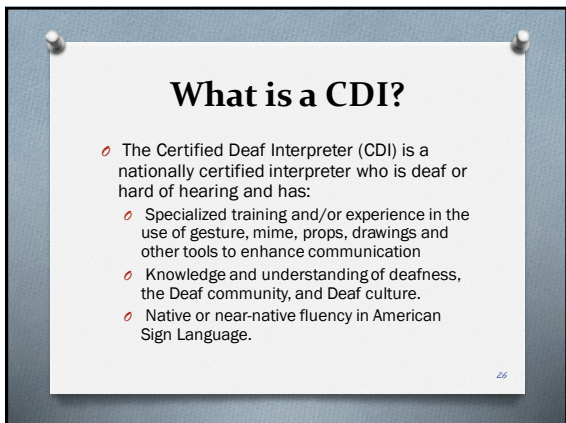






Certified Deaf Interpreters
When and how to use these interpreting professionals

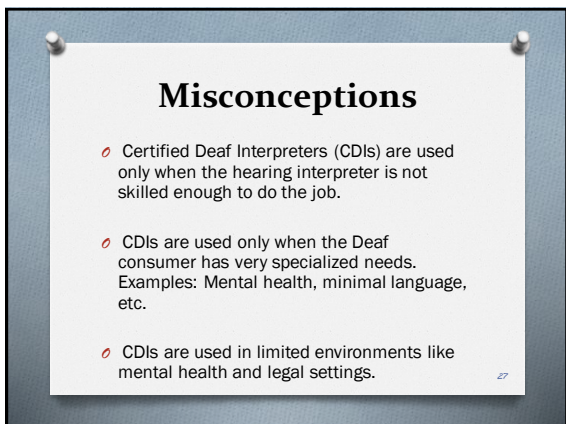
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What is a CDI?

- o The Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) is a nationally certified interpreter who is deaf or hard of hearing and has:
 - o Specialized training and/or experience in the use of gesture, mime, props, drawings and other tools to enhance communication
 - o Knowledge and understanding of deafness, the Deaf community, and Deaf culture.
 - o Native or near-native fluency in American Sign Language.

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Misconceptions

- o Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDIs) are used only when the hearing interpreter is not skilled enough to do the job.
- o CDIs are used only when the Deaf consumer has very specialized needs. Examples: Mental health, minimal language, etc.
- o CDIs are used in limited environments like mental health and legal settings.

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Benefits of Using a CDI

- o optimal understanding by all parties
- o efficient use of time and resources
- o clarification of linguistic and/or cultural confusion and misunderstanding(s)
- o arrival at a clear conclusion in the interpreting situation

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When should I use a CDI?

- o One is requested by the Deaf consumer, Hearing interpreter, or other party to the communication.
- o Any setting, including medical, mental health, legal, educational, depending on what is needed for effective communication.
- o Any individual, including those who are deafblind, have minimal language, use a foreign sign language, depending on what is needed for effective communication.

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A Quick Word About Sign Language Interpreter Referral Agencies

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Misconceptions

- o All interpreter referral agencies assess and select the most appropriate interpreter for the assignment.
- o All interpreter referral agencies are familiar with the sign language interpreting profession and the Deaf community.
- o If I use an interpreter referral agency, I'm assured a qualified interpreter.

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How to effectively utilize the services of a referral agency:

- o Provide as much information as possible, such as:
 - o What are the Deaf consumers' language needs?
 - o What is the setting? Are there specialized terms or vocabulary necessary?
 - o What is the format? (Podium, interactive, large group, one-on-one)
 - o Are there prep materials available? (Speech notes, PowerPoint presentation, etc.)
 - o Does the assignment require specific attire? (close-toed shoes, slacks, etc.)

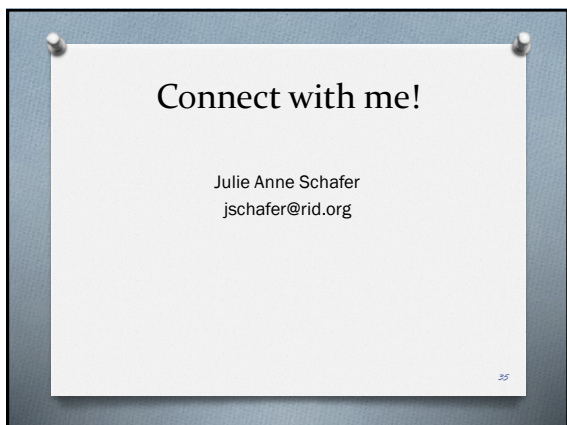
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Recap

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