

May 12, 2009

Dear Director/Coordinator, or Interpreter,

Please read the following and share with your Educational Sign Language Interpreters.

In cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Education, the Eastern Kentucky University American Sign Language and Interpreter Education Department has scheduled the "14th Annual Summer Institute for Educational Interpreters." The Summer Institute will be a one-week intensive training to be held July 12–18, 2009, at the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) in Danville, Kentucky. The institute hours are from 9:00 - 4:00 pm (Monday through Friday) in Kerr Hall.

Those needing dormitory accommodations should indicate your needs on the registration form enclosed and return by June 13. Dormitory housing will be in Middleton Hall on KSD's campus. Dorms are available from Sunday to Saturday morning. All meals are an all-you-can-eat buffet provided daily at Centre College.

With continued budget cuts, we must all use the KDE funds wisely. KDE has made it clear that to continue to support participants with this free training, dorm rooms and meal plans, participants must attend the entire week. Please do not misuse the generosity of KDE training funds in providing this opportunity for you.

Specifically, this year's training sessions will enhance skills, abilities and knowledge of the educational interpreting process. We will once again be offering "tracks" much like we did last year. Some of the past topics included Preprocessing, ASL Language Development, Voicing Practice, Self-Assessments, Mentoring Techniques, Advising on Higher Education/Degrees, and EIPA, NIC and SLPI Information.

Several assessment opportunities for SLPI and NIC performance tests are coming up that you need to be aware of:

1. Robyn Hobson is the SLPI coordinator for Kentucky. Contact Robyn at 859/239-7017 to reserve a slot and mark on your registration form that you will be tested.
2. The NIC performance test will be offered on Friday during the Summer Institute; slots are extremely limited. All NIC testing will take place at the KCDHH offices in Frankfort. If you are interested in taking the NIC, you must submit your application and related fees to RID prior to June 1. NIC candidates must also contact Rachel Payne, Kentucky Super Site coordinator, to reserve a time slot for the Performance Assessment by

calling 1-800-372-2907 no later than 3:00 pm July 3rd. A maximum of 5 slots will be offered on Friday, July 17, and an additional 3 slots may be added if needed. Please indicate on the enclosed registration form that you are also wishing to test so that we will include you in the skills sessions preparation group for NIC. EIPA or SLPI assessments.

Our target audience is full-time interpreters in P-12 settings regardless of their official job title. Fifty educational interpreters will be selected from the applicants. If more than 50 interpreters apply, we will select individuals based on the school districts' needs and the population served. Our goal will be to train interpreters from across the state who serve small and large populations of hard of hearing and deaf students; therefore, we are restricted to providing training for only those interpreters who are working full-time in public school systems in Kentucky.

Once we receive the completed surveys, registration fee, and registration forms from the interpreters, we will be able to quickly finalize the budget and related expenses. Hence, we are still in the process of formulating our agenda for the training and would like your attention concerning the following:

1. Please ask your interpreters to fill out the enclosed survey regardless of attending training or not (for KDE research purposes) and return it to me at their earliest convenience. This must accompany the registration form in order to verify them as a participant.
2. Please ask your interpreters to fill out the enclosed registration form if they plan on attending the training. This will let us know how many attendees will need food and dormitory accommodations.
3. Please send in the \$25 refundable deposit that will be returned upon your departure on Friday, July 17.

Please return the information we have requested no later than June 13. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 859/622-4966, or you may fax your information to us at 859/622-5919.

Sincerely,

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