

MCDHH

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MCDHH is accepting grant applications for the **Missouri Support Service Provider (SSP) Program** through Monday, September 11, 2017. All details of the grant and instructions for applying are included in the following document. Please direct any questions to Dee.Sanfilippo@mcdhh.mo.gov.

[Grant Application for Support Service Providers for DeafBlind Missourians](#)



Upcoming MCDHH Events

(Click on link for more details)

September 29

[Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at the Royals](#)

October 13

[24th Annual Missouri Interpreters Conference](#)

- ➔ Workshop schedule is now posted!
- ➔ Take the TEP @ Conference
- ➔ Download the app

October 14

[21st Deaf & Hard of Empowerment Symposium](#)

**CANCELED:
Upcoming BCI Meeting**

The Board for Certification of Interpreters (BCI) meeting slated for September 12, 2017 from 10 am - 2 pm has been **CANCELED** due to Hurricane Irma resulting in the members not having a quorum. An announcement will be made when the meeting is re-scheduled.

On January 10, 2017, Governor Eric Greitens signed Executive Order 17-03 which mandated a review of every state agency regulation, including those under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Board for Certification of Interpreters. As part of the review process, MCDHH will be accepting public comments to identify regulations that are ineffective, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome. The full text of our rules can be found [here](#).

Comments will be accepted:

1. In written form with no more than 500 words
2. As a video in sign language lasting no longer than 5 minutes

We look forward to receiving your feedback. Please consider the following in your comments to further help us determine the value of our regulations:

- The regulation is essential to the health, safety, or welfare of Missouri residents;
- The costs of the regulation do not outweigh their benefits, based on a cost benefit analysis;
- A process and schedule exist to measure the effectiveness of the regulation;
- Less restrictive alternatives have been considered and found less desirable than the regulation;
- The regulation is based on sound, reasonably available scientific, technical, economic, and other relevant information; and
- The regulation does not unduly and adversely affect Missouri citizens or customers of the State or the competitive environment in Missouri.

All comments on existing rules must be submitted by September 17, 2017, for consideration in the review process. We encourage you to share this with other stakeholders—including deaf and hard of hearing individuals, sign language interpreters, professionals, teachers, and family members—in order to maximize input. You can learn more about the Governor’s initiative to review regulations on this website: <https://nomoredtape.com/>. See this information as a [vlog here](#).

Important Videos

[Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Legislative Day](#)

[Deaf Businesses Resource Page](#)

[NAD VRI Card](#)

[Missouri Interpreters Conference Preview: High Stakes Test Taking](#)

[Silver Dollar City](#)

More MCDHH Important News

Interpreters: It's certification renewal season! Start collecting your CEU documentation for renewal. The form is now available online [here](#).

Aspiring Interpreters! The application for the **Learner's Permit** (provisional certification) is now available on our website [here](#). The Learner's Permit is recommended for individuals who have passed the TEP and have taken and failed the BEI Basic Performance Exam. Learner's Permit holders must also obtain a license from the State Committee of Interpreters (SCI) to interpret in Missouri. Questions? Contact Dee Sanfilippo at Dee.Sanfilippo@mcdhh.mo.gov.

MCDHH wants your ideas about our programs! We are giving a survey to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Missourians. We will use this survey to make changes and improve the work we do here at MCDHH. [Click here](#) to take the survey. Your information is confidential. The survey will close October 2, 2017. Information will be used to make changes to the work we do here at MCDHH. Your ideas and thoughts are important to us, so we hope you will take the survey!

Community Announcements

The **St. Louis Renaissance Festival Deaf Awareness Weekend** will take place September 23-24, 2017! This year has new and exciting additions for Deaf Awareness Weekend, including reduced pricing for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals and their families, Deaf storytellers, and exhibiting by Deaf organizations. Learn more about the event at www.stlrenfest.com and contact chriscookphelps@gmail.com to discuss reserving space for your organization's FREE exhibit booth.

The September newsletter for HLAA-Greater St. Louis is now available [here](#).

Seeking Employment

The DEAF, Inc. Board of Directors eagerly announces a search for an **Executive Director of DEAF, Inc.**, based in St. Louis. We are seeking a team player who thrives in a dynamic environment dedicated to strengthening communication access between deaf/hard of hearing and hearing communities. The Executive Director is responsible for the organization's consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives. If you know someone who with high qualifications with a strong connection to the deaf community that might be interested in this position, please share this link: <http://careers.deafinc.org>. If you have questions, email us at careers@deafinc.org.

Opening for **Staff Interpreter at Paraquad Deaf Way!** We are looking for a team player interested in legal, medical, and mental health settings! [Click here](#) for more details.

University of Missouri Health System in Columbia is looking for a part-time interpreter. [Click here](#) for more details.

In the Community

September 15

Night of Independence Gala

The Whole Person's gala will take place from 7-11 pm at The Gallery Event Space in the Kansas City Power & Light District, featuring special guest Nyle DiMarco. Learn more at <http://thewholeperson.org/gala>

September 16

3rd Annual Deaf Cultural Day

See ASL poetry performances, films, tours, and a special artist presentation at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Learn more at <http://nelson-atkins.org>

September 20

Olathe Health Education Center will be hosting an ASL & Foreign Language Medical Interpreter Ethics Roundtable. [Click here](#) for the flyer with more information.

September 26

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at the Cardinals

RTR/DCC is hosting Deaf Awareness Day at the Cardinals on September 26, 2017. If you would like to attend, please click on the [link](#) for more details.

September 27

Diving in the Non-Barrier Reef Ocean

The Whole Person Deaf Services will present "Diving in the Non-Barrier Reef Ocean" with Scott Dollar. [Click here](#) for the flyer with more information.

Upcoming Workshops

Performance Interpreting for the Stage

September 9, 2017 (0.3 RID PS CEUs)

SWIC

Presented by: Becki Rhyne

This workshop will demonstrate innovative new techniques being used in the performance interpreting, specifically for the stage. Want to do more than sit on stool? Explore new ways to embody the character and bring your interpretations to life! Contact Susen McBeth for more information: Susen.mcbeth@swic.edu or 618-235-2700

Advanced Medical Interpreting with Interpretrek

September 9-10, 9 am-5 pm (1.4 RID PS CEUs, 0.4 eligible for ethics)

Pure Pursuit Event Space, 1619 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64108

Presented by: Anna McDuffie & Heather Brown

See full description and registration information on [Interpretek's website here](#)

Conveying the Whole Message with Your Voice

September 15 (0.15 RID PS CEUs)

Paraquad/Deaf Way Interpreting Services, 5240 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63310

Presented by: Rebecca Pursley & Kay Tucker

Interpreters will practice interpreting ASL to English using different registers and word choice. Lessons will focus on forming complete sentences, options for “appropriate” word choice, and tonality used to represent the deaf consumer. Participants will be given different scenarios to discuss RID-NAD CPC Tenets 2 and 4. Discussions will include different perspectives. Contact Darrell Jacobs for more information: [dljacobs@paraquad.org](mailto:djacobs@paraquad.org) or 314-289-4294.

Learn BSL and Other Foreign Sign Languages

September 16 (0.5 RID PS CEUs)

First Baptist Church of Arnold, 2012 Missouri State Road, Arnold, MO 63010

Presented by: Robert Crowell

A comparison of ASL and BSL. Learn how these are two separate languages. You will learn the two-handed BSL alphabet and basic skills, gaining confidence in the production and reception of BSL. Contact Judi Barker for more information: jkberp@aol.com or 314-239-9596

Mouth Morphemes

September 16 (0.3 RID PS CEUs)

SWIC

Presented by: David Vctor

Get to know your Oooooos from your Aaaahhhs and your MMMMms from your EEEEEees! This workshop will look at the linguistic importance of facial grammar, help you spot it through examples from native ASL signers, and then get some hands on experience exercising that face! Contact Susen McBeth for more information: Susen.mcbeth@swic.edu or 618-235-2700

Church Ethics: The Conflict of Personal and Professional Values

September 23 (0.3 RID PS CEUs)

SWIC

Presented by: David Evans

Some people are “uncomfortable” interpreting in a church – how can you work in this setting, manage your personal beliefs and values in environments with conflicting messages being communicated? Participants will discuss different scenarios and tips for preparing for and managing those assignments. Contact Susen McBeth for more information: Susen.mcbeth@swic.edu or 618-235-2700

MCDHH only post workshops that are coming within in the next 2-3 weeks. If you want to search for more future workshops, please check out the MCDHH Calendar on our website for classes coming up later in the year.