



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: All Managers and Supervisors

SUBJECT: Interpreter Services for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing

The North Carolina Division of Social Services recognizes that local Departments of Social Services have a need for interpreting services to support those individuals and families who may experience Deafness, Deafness-Blindness, and/or Hard of Hearing. Providing sign language interpreter services ensures equal access and effective communication to those families.

To ensure quality interpreting and transliterating services for all Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing people in North Carolina, a North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensure Act (N.C.G.S 90D) was created. The Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (DSDHH), of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is required by General Statute 8B, to “prepare and maintain an up-to-date list of qualified and available interpreters.” The directory links below is a direct result of that legislation. Included in the following directory you will find listings of interpreters who are Licensed and hold one or more of the current credentials: Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) Certifications; National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Certifications; and North Carolina Interpreter Classification System, level A, B or C. This directory is for your convenience in locating a licensed interpreter.

Find an Interpreter in the DSDHH Statewide Licensed Interpreter Directory:

http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/interpreter/pdf/directory_asheville.pdf

http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/interpreter/pdf/directory_charlotte.pdf

http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/interpreter/pdf/directory_greensboro.pdf

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http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/interpreter/pdf/directory_CLT.pdf

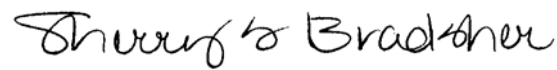
http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/interpreter/pdf/directory_ISA.pdf

http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/interpreter/pdf/directory_non-profit.pdf

Also a link to the Division of Deaf and the Hard of Hearing guidelines is provided to assist with procuring interpreting / transliterating services to make sure you select an interpreter who is appropriate for the job. <http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/interpreter/Edpack.htm>

Should you need any further information, please contact Carlotta Dixon, NCDSS Representative for NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 919-733-3055 or email at Carlotta.dixon@ncmail.net. Also, you may contact the Interpreter Support Services Consultant at the DSDHH Regional Center that serves your county. Contact information can be located at <http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/rrc/rrc.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry S. Bradsher". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical red line.

Sherry S. Bradsher

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