

MENTAL HEALTH INTERPRETING WORKSHOP



A Workshop by Rachel St. John, MD, NCC, NIC-A

Dr. Rachel St. John is a board-certified pediatrician and a NIC-Advanced certified sign language interpreter through RID. She is currently the physician for the Family-Focused Center (FFC) for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children at Children's Medical Center Dallas/UT Southwestern Medical Center. The FFC provides support for families to make informed decisions regarding their deaf/hard of hearing child, as well as provide education and collaborative support to providers caring for these patients in keeping with national standards.

Dr. St. John also works as a health education consultant at state and national levels and is co-founder of MedTerp which provides professional development education for medical interpreters. She continues to serve as adjunct faculty in the graduate department of counseling at Gallaudet University.

Dr. St. John received her BS degree in psychology at George Mason University, completed her MD degree at the University of Virginia School of Medicine and then attended Georgetown University Hospital for her residency in pediatrics. She holds an MA degree in counseling from Gallaudet University and in the past, served as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and the Director of the Kids Clinic for the Deaf at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, Dc.



This Workshop is designed to provide foundational information on interpreting in mental health settings, including gaining familiarity with mental health settings and personnel, discussing interpreting demands unique to mental health (such as MMSE), and exploring venues for safely increasing mental health interpreting, comfort and experience. It targets interpreters with no experience to some experience with mental health interpreting and interpreters in general who want more specific information on mental health interpreting.

Participants will be able to articulate common mental health interpreting environments and what/who they involve, become more familiar with unique aspects of mental health interpreting, such as the Mini Mental Status Exam, language dysfluency issues due to mental illness and reporting personal safety issues in mental health environments. Participants will also learn where to access resources for increasing training and experience in mental health interpreting.

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REGISTRATION FEE

\$50.00 Saturday Certified Interpreter

\$80.00 Saturday & Sunday Certified Interpreter

\$25.00 Saturday – Student

\$40.00 Saturday & Sunday - Student

Each Workshop Earns .6 CEUs(*Requests for Special Accommodations must be received no later than 8 days prior to the Workshop*)

MAIL PAYMENT TO:

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9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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