



12th Annual Mental Health Interpreter Institute

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Montgomery, Alabama**



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A Presentation of:
Mental Health Interpreter Training Project,
Office of Deaf Services,
Alabama Department of Mental Health.
In Partnership with ADARA and
Troy University

The Interpreter Institute is:

A 40 - hour course designed to provide a sound basis for interpreters to work effectively in mental health settings as part of a professional team. It includes lectures, demonstrations, exercises, evaluation and discussion to develop knowledge, skills and resources to ensure that services are linguistically and culturally appropriate.

- It will include introductions to:
 - ✓ Medical and mental health systems and culture,
 - ✓ Sources of communication breakdown associated with mental illness and treatment,
 - ✓ Interpreters' roles, tools, and resources,
 - ✓ Severe language dysfluency and Visual - Gestural Communication,
 - ✓ Psychiatric emergencies,
 - ✓ Support groups and Community Mental Health Services, and
 - ✓ Demand-Control Theory applied to mental health interpreting.



Presenters include: Bob Pollard, Robyn Dean, Roger Williams, Carole Lazorisak, Steve Hamerdinger, Charlene Crump, Brian McKenny, Shannon Reese and others.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Candidates for the Alabama Mental Health Interpreter Training (MHIT) Interpreter Institute are selected based on a screening process that ranks the suitability of registrants for available vacancies based on the following categories; Formal education, interpreting certification/licensure, interpreting experience, involvement in the mental health community, involvement in the language community, continuing

education, and residency. This training meets the pre-practicum training requirement of interpreters working towards Certification as a Qualified Mental Health Interpreter according to Alabama State Code 580-3-24.

COST OF TRAINING: A minimum of 4.0 CEUS will be offered for the training.

	Thru Feb 15	Feb 16 - April 15	April 16 – May 31	After May 31	Day Rate
Participants	\$290	\$340	\$390	\$425	\$100
Alumni	\$165	\$215	\$265	\$310	\$85

- Before July 1st refunds will be provided upon written request minus 15% processing and handling fee. **Refunds will not be provided after July 1st, however, registration fees will be applied to the subsequent year.**
- Discounts available for groups of six (6) or more.
- Applications reviewed on first-come, first-serve basis.
Student participation is limited to four students. **Note: Students who apply for worker status must submit evidence of full time status in a recognized Interpreter Training/Preparation Program along with faculty recommendation.** Contact info@mh.it.org for more information.

CERTIFICATION QUESTIONS:

You do not have to be nationally certified to take the training. It is competitively based, however, which could impact an individual's acceptance into the program. Individuals who are Deaf, especially those working in the mental health field or who work as CDI's are encouraged to apply. Alumni of the program are welcome to attend. We reserve the right to cancel the training if minimum class size is not obtained. In the event of cancellation, registration fees will be refunded, however DMH will not be responsible for other costs incurred.

Please Note: The language of the conference is not prescribed. We do ask participants to be mindful and sensitive to the fact we have deaf participants and communication choices take this into consideration. We also ask that participants are respectful of other's choices.

Get up-to-date information at the MHIT website: www.mhit.org. All information and updates will be posted there. If there are any discrepancies between this announcement and the information on the website, the website supersedes any information here.

Information You Can Use:

Flying to Montgomery:

- Montgomery Regional (MGM)
- Birmingham (BHM) 90 miles
- Atlanta (ATL) 152 miles

Flying directly into Montgomery is often less expensive than renting a car and driving from larger airports. MGM is served by Delta, Northwest, US Air and Continental. Rental cars are available on site.

Driving Directions to Troy University at Montgomery



From North/South/West: (including Montgomery and Birmingham airports)

- Take I-65 to Montgomery
- Take the CLAY ST exit, EXIT 172, toward DOWNTOWN
- Turn LEFT onto HERRON ST
- HERRON ST becomes BIBB ST
- Turn RIGHT onto COMMERCE ST



From East: (including Atlanta airport)

- Take I-85 to Montgomery
- Take I-65N ramp heading to Montgomery/Birmingham and travel 4.8 miles
- Take the CLAY ST exit, EXIT 172, toward DOWNTOWN
- Turn LEFT onto HERRON ST
- HERRON ST becomes BIBB ST

Local Hotels

Hampton Inn
100 Commerce Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Embassy Suites
300 Tallapoosa St
Montgomery, AL 36104

**Renaissance Montgomery
Hotel & Spa**
201 Tallapoosa St
Montgomery, AL 36104

Drury Inn (Group Rate Available)
1124 Eastern Blvd.
Montgomery, AL
36117



Hilton Garden Inn
1600 Interstate Park Dr
Montgomery, AL 36109

La Quinta
1280 East Blvd
Montgomery, AL 36117

Fairfield Inn & Suites
8970 EastChase Parkway
Montgomery, AL 36117

Staybridge Suites
7800 EastChase Parkway
Montgomery, AL 36117

Hampton Inn and Suites
7651 Eastchase Parkway
Montgomery, AL 36117



Eating Out:

There are numerous restaurants near the hotels. Participants will find a wide range of options from American to Vietnamese.

For More Information:

Check out the visitors' Center Website at
<http://www.visitingmontgomery.com>



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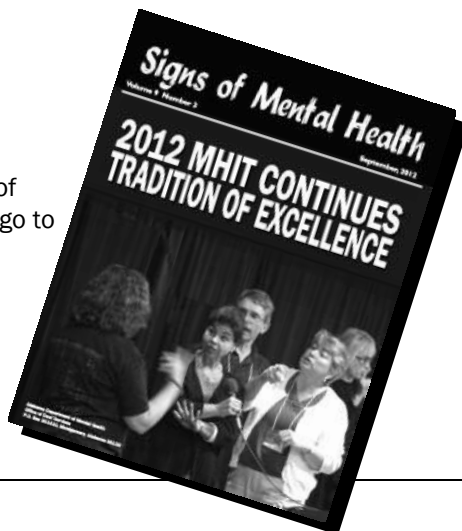
Among the one in five Alabamians who will need mental health services in their lifetimes are more than 39,000 people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Because deafness or hearing loss pose their own challenges in coping with risk factors and accessing and receiving treatment services, the Alabama Department of Mental Health has established an Office of Deaf Services to break down the barriers that inhibit the department in its mission to enable Alabamians to live in recovery.

NEWSLETTER:

For copies of our newsletter, "Signs of Mental Health" contact our office or go to

[http://www.mh.alabama.gov/MIDS
AvailableDocuments.aspx](http://www.mh.alabama.gov/MIDSAvailableDocuments.aspx)
to see current copies.



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Mentoring and Clinical Supervision

Our staff interpreters provide clinical supervision and mentoring for interpreters who complete MHIT and work in the field. They also are actively providing workshops around the country.

Online Article Discussions:

Discussions of research articles relating to Deafness and/or interpreting and Mental Health.

Pre-registration required.

Continuing Education Credit Offered

Clinical and MH Interpreter Trainings

MHIT periodically offers workshops on various topics related to Deafness and/or interpreting and Mental Health.

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