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ETHICS/POWER & PRIVILEGE

Ethics and Justice in a Fragmented World: Principles for Interpreters

Interpreters often face expectation that are daunting. Sometime the least difficult task is the work of interpreting from one language into another. This ethical workshop will address how biblical and Social Justice intersects with the Deaf and interpreting communities and how this principle is utilized on a daily basis. Biblical Justice will be defined and the participants will be equipped (via ethical scenarios) with the necessary information to make and defend valid decisions. Various components of the interpreting profession will be discussed and how the interpreting profession must uphold common values such as language, mutual respect, trust and Faith. Consideration will be given to human rights and the Code of Professional Conduct in light of biblical Justice. Thus, enabling the interpreter to embrace the principles of justice and demonstrate professionalism, impartiality and equity within the Deaf community. **[This workshop meets the RID requirement for ethics, power and privilege]**

Ethics – Where Do I Stand?

Do you ever feel like making an ethical decision is a little bit like walking through a minefield? We often wonder if we have a responsibility to “let-go” of our personal beliefs when we work as an interpreter. This workshop will help us identify the **criteria** that determine whether a genuine conflict exists. Each participant will consider ways to guide their individual decision-making process. It is important to recognize that our personal beliefs and values do make a difference when we encounter ethical dilemmas. Yet, many of us have been left wondering if the decisions we made were right or wrong; good or bad. We will recognize what it means to hold a **sacred trust** as professionals and how we maintain that trust. Throughout the training we will examine and discuss ethical scenarios, these open discussions will help us determine how prevent ethical explosions from rocking our world! **[For those states/regions that require ethical training this workshop fulfills that requirement]**

Defy the Status Quo: Examining Our Aging Ethics

Each sign language interpreter has a role and accompanying responsibilities that are all encompassing; linguistic, logistic, behavioral and relational (to name a few). Every decision we make is loaded with ethical implications that can impact the life and liberty of members of the Deaf community. But, have you ever stopped to consider WHY you make the decisions you do? We are clearly influenced by multiple factors, some of which are, the laws of the legal system, the Code of Professional Conduct, and individual workplace policies and procedures. However, this workshop proposes, the historic values of our profession hold sway over our belief system and subsequently our behavior. The antiquated values of neutrality, invisibility, secrecy and the overemphasis on role continue to influence practitioners, both new and old alike. It is vital that we understand the depth of these rooted values and our profession’s drive to maintain the status quo. Together, we will examine and discuss why we lean in one “ethical direction” instead of another and its impact on community trust. Consideration will be given to relational autonomy and the conditions that foster transparent decision-making by interpreters and the other individuals involved in the interpreting process. **[For those states/regions that require ethical training this workshop fulfills that requirement]**

Ethical Brave Spaces

Interpreters will engage in professional roundtable discussions regarding ethical decision making and how this relates to their individual work environments. Participants will come prepared to discuss various ethical scenarios and asked to analyze the ethical dilemma(s) in light of the ‘brave space’ ideology. Allowing for a respectful freedom to express thoughts and ideas participants will consider the degree to which they present themselves in their interpreting assignments (this language is reflective of role space by Llewellyn-Jones, Peter and Lee, Robert). Choices will be discussed, and the RID Code of Professional Conduct will be reviewed and considered while guiding quality

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decision-making. Personal experiences and decisions will also be reviewed and discussed. **[For those states/regions that require ethical training this workshop fulfills that requirement]**