



## Quarterly Open Call on Medical Interpreting

Organized by the Outreach Committee of  
the National Council on Interpreting in Health Care (NCIHC)

### Join us on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for a discussion on Training Mental Health Interpreters

On December's Open Call, we discussed how mental health interpreting differs from straight medical interpreting. We also heard about three different training programs for interpreters in mental health venues. This month, in response to popular demand, we would like to invite participants to **SHARE IDEAS AND RESOURCES** for training interpreters working in mental health venues.

**Call date:** Friday, February 8, 2007

**Time:** Sign-on starting at **8:50 A.M. PACIFIC STANDARD TIME**. The call itself will run from 9:00 am– 10:30 am **PST** (11:00 am – 12:30 pm **CST**, 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm **EST**)

**Program:** This call will focus on sharing resources for training interpreters to work in mental health venues. Before signing on, you may want to read the attached minutes from last month's call. Also, **PLEASE BRING WITH YOU TO THE CALL ANY RESOURCES THAT YOU HAVE TO SHARE:** curricula, names of institutions with training on this topic, written or on-line resources about mental health or mental health interpreting.

**Dial-in Number:** 712-432-2222

**Access Code:** 391510

**Cost:** The price of your individual long-distance call.

**Invitations:** **No registration necessary.** Open to the first 50 people to sign on to the call.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the call will be posted to the NCIHC website and listserv.

**Future Calls (same time):**

- April 4, and June 6: topics to be determined.

For more information, please contact Cindy Roat, Co-chair of the Outreach Committee at [croat@ncihc.org](mailto:croat@ncihc.org) or 206-546-1194.

### **Conference call protocols**

Having a productive call with 50 people on the line is no easy task! You can make it easier for everyone by respecting the following rules during the conference call:

1. No speakerphones: they create feedback when 50 lines are in use at once.
2. No cell phones: they also create connectivity problems.
3. Please don't put us on "hold"; that often triggers music on the line. Instead, press #6 first, which will mute your line. To un-mute the line later, press #6 again.
4. If you have a lot of background noise in your office, please press #6 to mute your line. To un-mute the line later, press #6 again.

*The NCIHC Outreach Committee organizes quarterly open calls on specific topics in order to:*

*1) collect and transmit the expertise of practitioners in the field to the NCIHC Board and Committees, 2) provide practitioners in the field with new information relevant to their work, and 3) support the exchange of ideas between practitioners in the field.*