

MAKING YOUR EVENT ACCESSIBLE FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

HOW SOON SHOULD YOU REQUEST AN INTERPRETER?

As soon as possible, but two weeks is the typical time frame. The sooner you can confirm ASL interpreters the sooner you can advertise your event as ASL accessible. Deaf and hard of hearing folks are more likely to attend if they are aware there will be interpreters ahead of time.

HOW MANY INTERPRETERS SHOULD YOU HIRE?

Interpreters work in teams of two. This helps reduce fatigue and increase accuracy of interpretation. Hiring at least two interpreters is advised, but if you have a longer event consider hiring more than two.

POSTING A VIDEO OF THE EVENT?

Consider CART services or invest the time in accurate closed captioning. There are many resources out there to help you do this in a quick way. Always watch over your event and check your captions before posting.

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW

- Be sure that you are hiring certified interpreters. You can check this at www.rid.org
- Prepare your interpreters ahead of time if possible. Send them the agenda, speeches, power points, etc. Preparing them as much as possible will make your event even more accessible and accurate.
- Allow a space for folks who need access to the interpreters up front.

