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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Directors of Special Education, Supervisors of Foreign Languages, Administrators of Programs for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services

Free Virtual Professional Development for Educational Interpreters

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education is sponsoring four free video conference professional development opportunities for educational interpreters of sign language. The workshops are presented by the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Diagnostic Center at Boys Town National Research Hospital, which designs professional development programs to support educational interpreters in kindergarten through grade twelve classrooms.

Each live video conference will be streamed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants can access the video conferences remotely. The dates and topics are as follows:

- **Saturday, October 9, 2021:** When Form Matters: Providing Visual Linguistic Access to Foster Deaf Students' Proficiency in ASL & English
- **Saturday, December 4, 2021:** It Takes Deliberate Practice
- **Saturday, February 5, 2022:** Theory of Mind
- **Saturday, April 9, 2022:** Teaching Strategies: Implementation in Classroom Interpreted Discourse

Participants may register for all four workshops. Please be advised that there is no registration fee, but space is limited to 100 participants. Participants are encouraged to register via the NJDOE's [Calendar of Events](#) as soon as possible. Additional information regarding directions and presenters is also available on the NJDOE's Calendar of Events.

Contact information

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