



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Directors of Special Education, Administrators of Programs for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Educational Staff 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 sign language interpreters. 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:

- **September 27, 2025:** Let's Get Back to Basics (**Register by September 12**)
- **November 15, 2025:** Interpreters are Related Service Providers, but What Does That Mean
- **February 7, 2026:** Interpreting in the Time of Language Deprivation
- **April 18, 2026:** "Quote" Interpreting "End Quote" Standardized K-12 Assessments

Key steps/actions

Participants may register for as many workshops as they would like. Please be advised that there is no registration fee, but space is limited to 50 participants. Participants are encouraged to register via the NJDOE's [Calendar of Events](#) as soon as possible.

Contact Information

For further information or questions, email dhh.education@doe.nj.gov.

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