

National Task Force on Deaf-Blind Interpreting

A national effort amongst the National Consortium of Interpreter Education Centers (NCIEC),
the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) and the American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB)

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Dear Colleague,

As you may be aware, the National Task Force on Deaf-Blind Interpreting (NTFDBI) is a national effort that is supported by three lead entities: the National Consortium of Interpreter Education Centers (NCIEC), the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) and the American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB). The NTFDBI was established approximately two years ago in order to address the nationwide lack of pre-service and in-service training opportunities and qualified service delivery for sign language interpreters to work with deaf-blind individuals. It has proven critical that graduates from Interpreter Education Programs be exposed to the full breadth of knowledge and skills necessary in order to work with the diverse spectrum of consumers that are represented in the Deaf community, including those with varying degrees of vision loss.

To this end, one of the NTFDBI's accomplishments is included in this packet: "An Annotated Bibliography on Deaf-Blind Interpreting". This document is the first published effort that combines current available articles, curricula, training and multi-media materials designed specifically for and about deaf-blind interpreting. It is organized in a way to assist interpreter educators when designing and teaching their courses and administrators when making programmatic decisions.

Please accept this gift from the NTFDBI and share it with your colleagues. We hope that this tool will be useful to you and your staff. The document is also available on the internet and can be downloaded for free at: <http://nationaldb.org/ISSelectedTopics.php?topicCatID=767>. It is available on the website in either standard or large print and can be provided in Braille, when requested. If there are articles or resources you know of that are not included in this document, please let us know so we may include them in future editions.

If you have any questions or would like more information on how you can be involved in this national effort, please email us at NTFDBI@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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