



# The National Consortium of Interpreter Education Centers

## Creating Opportunities for Interpreters and Interpreter Educators

www.nciec.org

Betsy Winston, Director  
National Interpreter  
Education Center at  
Northeastern University

Laurie Swabey, Director  
CATIE Center at St.  
Catherine University

Beverly Hollrah, Director  
Gallaudet University  
Regional Interpreter  
Education Center

Linda Stauffer, Director  
Mid-America Regional  
Interpreter Education  
Center

Cathy Cogen, Director  
Northeastern University  
Regional Interpreter  
Education Center

Pauline Annarino, Director  
Western Region  
Interpreter Education  
Center

### Effective Practice

The EPT serves to help the NCIEC achieve its outcome targets and programmatic responsibilities through the identification and use of research based, effective practices. You can find out more about our team's mission and history, or browse the tools and resources developed or supported by the team for evaluating interpreter education programs at [www.nciec.org](http://www.nciec.org). All of these tools are in the public domain, and were developed with funding from the U.S. Department of Education RSA CFDA #84.160A and B, Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf and Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind.



The EPT identified and implements the effective practices protocol of the NCIEC. This common protocol is to investigate current and existing standard and best practices through extensive literature reviews, data collection from expert perspectives, focus groups, surveys, program assessments, and analysis. Where existing practices demonstrate evidence of best or promising outcomes, we evaluate outcomes for impact. Where gaps are identified in existing practice, we provide expert guidance to the NCIEC cross-regional teams for the development and evaluation of new practices.

The team offers assistance to NCIEC work teams through:

**Project Proposal Analysis and Guidance towards Effective Practices:** The team reviews every NCIEC proposed initiative to ensure that its approach, practices, and activities satisfy the expectations of the NCIEC that our work reflects the highest standards of data collection, analysis, and evaluation of practices in order to demonstrate their effectiveness.

**Data Collection Assistance.** Our work has typically been focused on research design and instrument design, leaving the work teams to implement the surveys and data collection tools with which we have assisted.

**Data Analysis Services.** Teams that have gathered data receive a basic level of data analysis services focused on analysis and write up of standard surveys and data collection tools.

**NCIEC Outcomes Review.** To assist the Consortium in meeting its overall goals, the team developed an analysis of the GPRA standards for the RSA grant program that funds the consortium, and to either identify the RSA program outcome goals for this project or propose to RSA what we think they ought to be.

#### Team

Dr. Betsy Winston (Lead); Members: Dr. Dennis Cokely, Dr. Laurie Swabey, Dr. Rico Peterson, Dr. Cheryl Davis, Ms. Anna Witter-Merithew, Lillian Garcia Peterkin; Consultant: Arroyo Research