The EIPA Diagnostic Center, Boys Town National Research Hospital, is offering video conference workshops for educational interpreters working in kindergarten through Grade 12 educational settings.

The Office of Special Education Programs is sponsoring two workshops in the 2014-2015 academic year.

**Continuing Education Units**

The EIPA Diagnostic Center is affiliated with the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is an approved RID CMP sponsor for continuing education activities.

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing will be pursuing CEU approval for each video conference.

Participants in the EIPA video conferences will be eligible for .4 continuing education units for each workshop.

**Professional Development Hours**

The participants in each session will be eligible for four professional development hours from the NJ Department of Education.
February 7, 2015

“Language and Theory of Mind in Deaf Children: What Educational Interpreters Need To Know”

Brenda Schick, Ph. D, Author of the EIPA, Professor at University of Colorado at Boulder in the Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Department

The acquisition of a Theory of Mind (ToM) is an important milestone in the development of cognitive skills, allowing children to understand that people can differ in their beliefs. ToM is important in literacy skills, socio-pragmatic skills, and academic success. This workshop will describe ToM and causes for its delayed acquisition in deaf children. We will review texts and work on interpreting ToM concepts, discuss how ToM is represented in sign language, and explore why representing classroom ToM talk is essential.

Bergen County Special Services School District at Union Street School
334 Union Street, Hackensack NJ 07601
http://bcss.bergen.org

Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission
Raritan Valley Academy / PDA Media Center
1690 Stelton Road, Piscataway NJ 08854
http://www.mresc.k12.nj.us

Gloucester County Special Services School District at Gloucester County Institute of Technology
1360 Tanyard Road, Sewell NJ 08080
http://www.gcit.org

Please check the facility website for directions.

Space varies at each location. Participants are encouraged to register for one or both sessions by January 23, 2015.

In the event that the number of registrations exceeds the facility’s capacity, the registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

April 11, 2015

“Ethical Practices and Guiding Principles for Educational Interpreters”

Barbara J. Woodhead, EIPA Rater, RID CI/CT, B.A. English and Co-Presenter (TBD)

As employees of an educational system and as members of an educational team, interpreters are expected to adhere to professional standards and guidelines. This training will address best practices for providing effective and appropriate services in the diverse demands of K-12 settings. The workshop will discuss communication strategies when working with various members of the educational team, the importance of understanding the teachers’ goals, the role of the educational interpreter in IEP meetings, guidelines for maintaining professional boundaries with students, strategies for conflict resolution, and the interpreter’s obligation to adhere to state and federal laws.

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The Enterprise Center at BCC
Mt. Laurel Campus of Burlington Co. College
3331 Route 38 - 300 College Circle
Mount Laurel NJ 08054
http://www.acc-theenterpriseconferencecenter.com

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There will be no on-site registrations.

TO REGISTER:
Please visit the NJ Department of Education Calendar of Events at http://education.state.nj.us/events

No Registration Fees Are Required.