



Filling Educational Interpreter Positions

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School Districts, particularly in rural areas, often struggle to find qualified signed language interpreters to fill vacancies. Please contact us if we can be of assistance.

Posting Positions

NMCDHH is happy to share position postings on our Facebook page, as well as share them on multiple listservs. Email postings to Lisa Dignan at Lisa.Dignan@state.nm.us for distribution.

Staffing Agencies

Some rural districts have had success using staffing agencies. The ones listed below have contacted NMCDHH for guidance and assistance regarding licensure qualifications for interpreters working in New Mexico, and have been responsive to information provided.

Sunbelt Staffing
800.659.1522
www.sunbeltstaffing.com

Soliant Health
800.849.5502
www.soliant.com

State Licensure

New Mexico requires signed language interpreters to be licensed. There are three licenses:

- Provisional - for individuals who were already employed as interpreters in July 2009 or who have graduated from an ITP but are not yet certified by RID. Can be held for a maximum of five years.
- Educational - requires the ED: K-12 credential from RID, and is only valid in K-12 settings.
- Community - requires RID certification, and is valid in K-12 and community settings.

Details and forms can be found at the website of the Signed Language Interpreting Practice Board: www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Signed_Language_Interpreting_Practices.aspx. Practicing without a license is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail and/or up to a \$1000 fine.

Public Education Department License

Educational Interpreters are also required to hold a license from the Public Education Department (PED). Holding one of the three licenses listed above qualifies and interpreter to hold the PED license. Details and forms can be found at the PED website:

www.ped.state.nm.us/Licensure/2010/index.html. Look for "Interpreter for the Deaf" in the list of licenses.