

## Want to learn more?

We are happy to provide free educational workshops to the community on topics such as:

- Why do I need an interpreter?
- Are all Sign Languages universal?
- What does equal access mean?
- Deaf culture awareness
- The Americans with Disabilities Act and how it impacts community agencies, hospitals, employers, and schools
- Communicating with deaf or deaf/blind patients

*Invite us to discuss these topics and more!*

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# *Sign Language Interpreting Services*



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## Interpreting Services

AIDB Huntsville Regional Center offers American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting services to the following counties: Colbert, Cullman, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion, Morgan, Winston, DeKalb, Jackson, Limestone, Madison, and Marshall. This includes but is not limited to consultation with health care professionals, businesses, educational institutions, employers, and community agencies.

## What is a Sign Language Interpreter?

A sign language interpreter is a trained professional who facilitates communication and conveys all auditory and signed information so that both hearing and deaf individuals may fully interact. A licensed interpreter is qualified to meet the communication needs of both parties. AIDB interpreters are in compliance with Alabama Interpreter Licensure Law to ensure they meet the highest standards of professionalism in skill, aptitude, and ethics, including confidentiality.

## When do I need an interpreter?

An interpreter is needed when interpreting is the aid/service that will allow for the most effective communication. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that businesses and nonprofit organizations that serve the public communicate effectively with people who have communication disabilities. The ADA places responsibility for providing effective communication, including the use of interpreters, directly on these covered entities. They cannot require a person to bring someone to interpret for him or her, nor can they charge the Deaf person for aids/services that facilitate equal access.

*For more information on ADA and effective communication options, please visit <https://www.ada.gov/effective-comm.htm>*



## How do I schedule an interpreter?

- Request an interpreter on our website: [www.aidb.org/HSV-Interpreter](http://www.aidb.org/HSV-Interpreter)
- Questions or changes? Call 256-539-7881.
- An interpreter should be scheduled a minimum of 48 hours in advance, excluding emergencies. The more notice you give, the better.
- We will need details such as date, time, location, and duration of the assignment.
- We will need a signed Interpreter Service Agreement, which includes invoicing information.

### Did you know...

There are tax incentives for businesses who utilize interpreters? For more information, please visit <https://www.ada.gov/taxcred.htm>