
PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

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Project Endeavor Releases Educational Training Videos on “Access to Communication”

Deaf and hard of hearing have educational training resources on how to meet communication access needs in American Sign Language.

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (June 5, 2012) — As Project Endeavor continues to evolve, we are excited to bring a brand new video resource category to you — Access to Communication!

The Video Library on the Project Endeavor website offers many educational videos. In this category, [Access to Communication](#), you will find videos regarding telecommunication technology like CapTel, IP Relay, and VRS; accessibility technology like Real Time Captioning, FM or Loop Systems, assistive listening devices and Cochlear Implant patch cords; definitions of communication access terms like Interpreter Agencies and Communication Modes; and so much more!

You will also find a brief video explaining your rights under the Americans With Disabilities Act — Titles I, II, III and IV — and how these rights impact your job search, highlights the situations where you can request an interpreter, and outlines deaf and hard of hearing people’s rights to telecommunications services, like the relay.

As always, all of the videos in this new category are filmed with the actors using American Sign Language, and are both captioned and voiced over — the different modes necessary to be inclusive for all of our viewers.

“We want to do everything we can to ensure that deaf and hard of hearing consumers have access to broadband services and that they have the opportunity to maximize their Internet experience,” said Ben Soukup, CSD chief executive officer. “Project Endeavor not only provides equipment and broadband access but also helps to ensure that deaf and hard of hearing Americans have equal access to resources and opportunities.”

Welcome to Access to Communication, another resource we hope enhances your overall Project Endeavor experience. <http://www.projectendeavor.com/VideoLibrary.aspx>

Made possible by the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, also referred to as BTOP.

About Project Endeavor – *Project Endeavor was created when in July of 2010 the National Telecommunications and Information Administration announced CSD was awarded a multi-million dollar grant to make discounted high-speed Internet/broadband accessible to the nation’s deaf and hard of hearing population. It’s all part of this groundbreaking program that brings Internet access to deaf and hard of hearing people and works towards sustaining long-term access once Project Endeavor comes to completion. For more information about Project Endeavor, go to www.projectendeavor.com.*

About CSD — *CSD (a.k.a. Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc.) was established in 1975, primarily to provide sign language interpreting services to deaf and hard of hearing adults in South Dakota. Today, CSD offers employment opportunities to nearly 2,000 individuals in 27 offices and locations all across the nation and internationally, providing a broad continuum of social and human services programs, as well as telecommunications relay and contact center services. CSD is a private nonprofit agency dedicated to providing quality services; ensuring public accessibility; and increasing awareness of issues affecting the deaf, hard of hearing and individuals with speech disabilities. For more information, please visit www.c-s-d.org.*

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