



INTERPRETING IN THE MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SETTINGS

Presented by Roger Williams

A workshop for working interpreters and interpreting students
**This workshop will be presented in ASL.*

The Presenter:

Roger Williams is the former Executive Director of the Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. He received his B.S.W. from the Rochester Institute of Technology and his M.S.W., specializing in community mental health, from the University of Illinois. Mr. Williams is a S.C. Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice/Supervisor and holds an RID Certificate of Transliteration and an SCAD/NAD IAP Level 5 and has been recognized at the state and national level for his leadership in mental health services within the Deaf community.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Friday, April 10: Keeping Balanced; Vicarious Trauma, Hostile Dependency and Stress

Participants will:

- Define vicarious trauma and identify potential causes.
- Identify potential risk factors for vicarious trauma.
- Describe how cognitive therapy would be used to address stress and vicarious trauma.

Saturday, April 11: Swimming with the Sharks: Interpreting in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Settings

Participants will:

- Identify unique characteristics of the mental health & substance abuse settings.
- Apply the RID Code of Professional Conduct to the unique dynamics of these settings.
- Understand the techniques of sign-to-voice interpreting when dealing with form disordered discourse.

Sunday, April 12: Into the Deep End: Experiential Learning for Interpreting in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Settings

Participants will:

- Demonstrate three techniques specific to mental health & substance abuse settings.
- Demonstrate tactics to reinforce clinician/interpreter dyad.
- Demonstrate approaches to deal with form-disordered discourse.



Dates and times

Friday, April 10, 2026 | 6 to 9 PM (0.3 CEUs)

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 9 AM to 5 PM (0.7 CEUs)

(1 hour lunch on your own)

Sunday, April 12, 2026 | 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (0.4 CEUs)

Location

[Holiday Inn Purdue Ft. Wayne](#) (map link)

4111 Paul Shaffer Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

P: 260-482-3200

Cost for 3 Day Workshop

\$175.00 Interpreters

\$125.00 Current DeafLink Contract Interpreters

\$50.00 Students

Cost for Individual Workshops

\$50.00 Friday Only

\$100.00 Saturday Only

\$150.00 Friday and Saturday

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Full refund if cancelled on or before March 30th.

No refund for cancellations after March 30th.

Continuing Education

ICRID is An Approved RID Sponsor for continuing education activities. This PS program is offered for 1.4 CEUs at some content knowledge level.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

ICRID promotes learning environments free from discrimination and bias, wherein participants demonstrate mutual respect.

ADA Accommodation Requests

Contact Angie Crawford by April 3, 2026

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Registration:

[Click To Register](#)



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We have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Purdue Ft. Wayne. Book using the code Roger Williams ASL Workshop