

Alabama Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf



President's Updates

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Hope everyone is having a great summer and getting ready for the fall. Fall sounds pretty nice right now as the humidity outside seems to have sat on Alabama.

ALRID had the general business meeting last June 7th at the start of the Alabama Association of the Deaf Biennial Conference. A motion passed to recommend that the 2016 ALRID Biennial Conference be held in Huntsville. ALRID Region 2 has already rolled up their sleeves and began working on the next year's conference. The date has not been set at this time but will be announced. Get ready for this awesome conference for 2016. Also another motion passed to

set up a task force to collaborate with the Deaf Community on a project to improve accessibility with law enforcement across the state. Nancy Hayes will be chair of this task force.

At the AAD Conference, Chris Wagner, National Association of the Deaf president was one of the presenters along with Kim Bianco Majeri (NAD State Legislative Affairs Coordinator) and Steve Hamerding (Alabama Department of Mental Health). Daniel Lute (Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services) technology presentation had to be rescheduled due to the AAD business meeting. Also COSDA had an awards luncheon and a

panel who spoke about their life as a Deaf individual. It was a great time to be partnering with AAD and COSDA.

The first Red Cross training was in Tuscaloosa last Saturday July 18th. There was great information given from the presenter Denise McClendon regarding the process of the Red Cross shelters and psychological first aid. The next training will be in Huntsville on August 22nd. You can earn .6 CEUs. Please go to the ALRID website to register. www.alrid.org. Don't miss out on this event of partnering with Red Cross.

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The Louise Wohlford Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of the Louise Wohlford Memorial Scholarship Fund is to provide payment of registration fees for conferences or workshops providing RID CEUs. Interpreters may request a scholarship for the "Early Bird" registration rate.

A total maximum of \$2,000 may be awarded per calendar year from this fund. Multiple scholarship applications from an individual will be accepted, however primary consideration will be given to applicants who have yet to receive funds. An individu-

al may not exceed \$400 in scholarships awards in any one calendar year.

For more information on how to apply, please go to www.alrid.org and click on Scholarships and click on Louise Wohlford Memorial Scholarship.

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Region 4 workshop– Vickie Brown

Region 4 conducted a workshop July 18th in partnership with the American Red Cross entitled " Emergency Preparedness. " at the Alabama Vocational Rehabilitation office in Tuscaloosa.

The purpose of the training was an overview of the Disaster Service program and how information is communicated effectively to the community in the case of a disaster.

Seen with Denise McClendon, Disaster Service Volunteer are members of the Region 4 Planning team: Vickie Brown, Liz McKelvy, Cathy Day, Tina Brown, Suzie Powell, Teresa Mello and Susan Gordon.



Region Representatives

Region 1: Kim Smith

Region 2: Chaeney Miller

Region 3: Diana Wagoner

Region 4: Vickie Brown

Region 5: Jodie Jernigan

Region 6: Lisa Gould

Region 7: Judy Robertson

ALRID Region 1 & 2 presents....



ALRID Regions 1 & 2

Disaster 101:

Interpreter Dynamics

August 22, 2015

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

3000 Johnson Road SW

Huntsville, AL 35805

Agenda

8:00 - 8:30 Registration

8:30 - 10:30 Psychological First Aid

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:45 Psychological First Aid

11:45 - 12:30 Lunch (Provided Onsite)

12:30 - 1:30 Disaster Services 101

1:30 - 1:45 Break

1:45 - 4:45 Shelter Fundamentals and Logistics for Interpreters

4:45 - 5:00 Wrap up and Evaluations

Psychological First Aid for Interpreters: Helping Others in Times of Stress (Activity No. 0263.0815.04 - .3 CEUs)

Prepares Interpreters working with American Red Cross workers to provide basic care, comfort and support to people who are experiencing disaster-related stress. Interpreters will learn to identify ways to assist victims in their preferred mode of communication.

Disaster Services 101: An Overview And How Interpreters Fit In (Activity No. 0263.0815.05 - .1 CEUs)

Learn ways to help the community prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Learn about volunteer opportunities at local Red Cross chapters. Discuss how interpreters fit in to the dynamic and ways to improve seamless service delivery.

Fundamentals and Logistics for Interpreters (Activity No. 0263.0815.06 - .3 CEUs)

Prepares participants to assist in the opening, organizing, operating and closing of a Red Cross Shelter. This includes discussing ways of making the shelter more visually accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people including accessibility for Interpreters.

The Department of Mental Health is approved by the RID CMP to sponsor Continuing Education Activities. This program is offered for a total of .7 CEUs in the Content Area of Professional Studies and the Instructional Level of Little/None. Activity No's. 0263.0815.04 (.3 CEUs), 0263.0815.05 (.1 CEUs) and 0263.0815.06 (.3 CEUs).



About the Presenters

Christopher Pennington, American Red Cross

Regional Volunteer Lead Mass Care/ Logistics

Christopher Pennington has been with the American Red Cross for five years and has worked many deployments in and out of State in Mass Care. Mainly in Sheltering, but with all aspects of Mass Care which includes Feeding, Bulk Distribution and Safe and Well Linking. He has worked all aspects in and around Shelters from a Service Associate to Supervisor, to Managing the Shelter as a whole, he has also worked as a Sheltering Manager which consists of running Multiple Shelters simultaneously.

Denise McClendon, LCSW lives in Hanceville, AL. She is married with one step son and four grandchildren. She received her Master's in Social Work from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1992 and re-married in 2011 to be a pastor's wife, help with family rental property and to volunteer. She has been actively involved with the Cullman office of the Red Cross since 2012. She serves as the Disaster Action Team

Leader as well as the Disaster Mental Health Lead for the Mid Alabama Chapter. She has responded to major disasters throughout the United States in the area of Disaster Mental Health. She is a certified instructor for Psychological First Aid, Disaster Mental Health Fundamentals and Coping in Today's World.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Registration Fee

_____ \$25.00 ALRID Member (Lunch Provided)

_____ \$35.00 Non-Member (Lunch Provided)

_____ \$10.00 Late Fee (After August 14)

(Lunch is not guaranteed if registration is received after August 14)

_____ Total

Completed Registration Form along with check made payable to ALRID, must be mailed by July 1, 2015 to:

Chaeney Milligan

AIDB

600 St. Clair Ave., Bldg. 2

Huntsville, AL 35801

Please note: No refunds will be given unless the workshop is cancelled.

For Accommodations Contact: Chaeney Milligan (256) 539-7881

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**WE are on
the website!**

www.alrid.org

SAVE the date!!!

October 3rd, Saturday
ALRID Region 4 workshop

Hi everyone!

Please do not forget to send me articles, stories, workshops, or any new information that you want ALRID to know about. You can send them to me at beth.overland@rehab.alabama.gov.

Thank you!