

Presented by Bee Gehman

THE BRAIN, BODY, AND SEXUAL HEALTH CONNECTIONS

Sexual Trauma-Informed Interpreting

Saturday, September 9, 2023
9:00-4:00pm ET

Madonna University
Franciscan Center
S100 and the Gathering Space
36600 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150

0.6 PS RID CEUs (M/MH in MI)
FREE for Michigan Interpreters
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DESCRIPTION

Foundational knowledge of sexuality is critical to interpreting; this includes interpreters understanding their own biases and assumptions around sexuality, and how these impact their ability to interpret with a non-judgmental and trauma-informed approach. This workshop will provide some fundamental tools interpreters can begin to use to recognize signs of unconscious biases, sexual trauma, and language deprivation that are prevalent when interpreting for members of the Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, Hard of Hearing, and Late-Deafened (DDBDDHHL), especially in mental health environments.

Human sexuality plays a major role in an individual's existence and functioning, in fact it often defines people and affects social attitudes. Attitudes, if left unchecked, can contribute to stigma, promote negativity, and prevent people from seeking support if they are suffering from mental health problems. Most interpreters receive little to no sexuality interpreting training, which leaves them ill prepared to interpret for folks in sexual trauma and mental health settings. This can lead interpreters to unintentionally cause more harm as they interpret in sexual healing settings (i.e. therapy sessions, sexual health appointments).

The likelihood that an interpreter will work with consumers struggling with some aspect of their sexuality is high, regardless of the setting. Only through on-going training and continuous self reflection can interpreters hope to reduce further harm imposed on the communities they serve.

OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Identify three kinds of sexual trauma associated with language deprivation syndrome in the Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, Hard of Hearing, and Late-Deafened (DDBDDHHL) communities.
- Recognize how different types of sexual traumas manifest and list three mental health impacts these have on DDBDDHHL communities.
- Outline three-four ways sexuality education training can reduce unintentional harm on DDBDDHHL individuals.
- Define ten sexuality related terms, and demonstrate the appropriate signs
- Devise two sexual trauma-informed best practices to employ when interpreting in sexual healing settings.

POLICIES

- This workshop will be offered at no charge. If you need to cancel please contact Cindy at cwoodpd@gmail.com as soon as possible.
- Please contact Cindy at cwoodpd@gmail.com at least 14 days in advance of the event with any ADA accommodation requests.
- CWoOD Professional Development promotes a learning environment free from discrimination and bias, and encourages mutual respect for all participants.

DETAILS

- Workshop approved for 0.6 PS RID CEUs (or M/MH in Michigan)
- This workshop will be presented in ASL.
- This workshop is based in the Eastern Time Zone.
- Target Audience: This workshop is intended for interpreters who work with Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, Hard of Hearing, and Late-Deafened (DDBDDHLD) clients of all ages, in educational, medical, and mental health settings who have experienced sexual trauma.
- IRID is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for continuing education activities. This Professional Studies program is offered for 0.6 CEUs at the Some Content Knowledge Level.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Bee Gehman (they/them) M.Ed., CSE, CDI, Founder and owner of jooux (Deaf Sexual Wellness Center) is an AASECT certified sexuality educator, with more than a decade of experience in providing caring, contentious, thoughtful sexual health and education services, and professional training for educators and interpreters. Experiencing their own barriers to sexual education and healthcare motivated them to get their masters in Human Sexuality Education.

Bee strives to listen, respond and collaborate with communities, seeking to eliminate the health disparities within the Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, Hard of Hearing, and Late-Deafened communities. Bee is passionate about education and access to sexual healthcare education. By providing sexual health education for people of all ages, professional training, and promoting affirming and comprehensive sexuality education in Deaf K-12 academic programs. They are a firm believer that advocacy and education cannot happen without genuine connections and dismantling systems of oppression.



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