

UNDERSTANDING DEAF CULTURAL TRAUMA:

How It Affects Our Work

Presented by Katie Murch

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0.2 PPO/PS CEUs (RID/BEI)

Registration: \$40

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DESCRIPTION

Audism, or prejudice against hearing differences, has deeply affected the Deaf community for decades. Deaf people were once considered the finest editors in town, assistants to rules, and the majority of instructors at Deaf schools. This all came crashing down in the 1880s when they were framed as incapable by a deficit ideology - which contributed greatly to their isolation from society. Sign language was banned and language deprivation increased.

Deaf people have experienced a lot of suffering and trauma, whether it is directly or indirectly caused by shared experiences. The collective experience is also known as cultural trauma. Cultural trauma can be experienced in different ways. However, the unique impact on the Deaf community as well as the rest of the world is often overlooked. Have you ever wondered why Deaf people are stereotyped as those who often overshare, react angrily, or rely heavily on government programs?

The effects of these events can be reduced when we take action to recognize the community's shared historical experiences and our part in the bigger picture. As a professional in the Deaf community, your position is more vital than ever. Identifying and preventing triggers is a critical leadership skill. You'll discover how to utilize tactics like microaffirmations and holding space to aid in group healing and breaking down systematic barriers. Finally, you'll learn how crucial self-care is not just for your own well-being but also for the community members you serve.

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OBJECTIVES

- Participants will be able to define cultural trauma in the context of the d/Deaf community.
- Participants will be able to identify how all of us, including hearing people, are adversely impacted by audism every day.
- Participants will be able to develop three strategies to counteract microaggressions while working in the Deaf Community.
- Participants will be able to identify two ways to break down systematic barriers in their work.
- Participants will be able to apply the value of self-care in allyship work, whether for themselves or community members.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Katie Murch, a life coach and motivational speaker from Austin Texas, is fueled by her passion to help others find happiness in their lives. She shares tips on how we can all live the best possible version of ourselves through her blog (katiemurch.com). She also runs an agency, 52 Alliance, that consults nonprofit organizations in efficiency-driven systems. When she is not working, she is either curled up with a good book or documentary or enjoying the great outdoors with a funny pomeranian.



Katie's formal education includes a Bachelor in Marketing and Management as well as a Masters in Business Administration from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Her experiences share a common thread of purpose-driven organizations such as The Aspen Institute, Snowmass Tourism, Aspen Camp of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Deafhood Foundation, National Association of the Deaf, Texas Department of Human & Health Services, American Society of Deaf Children, Texas Society of Interpreters and more. Katie served as Miss Deaf Texas 2007-2009 and runner-up to Miss Deaf America 2008-2010.

DETAILS

- **Workshop approved for 0.2 PPO/PS CEUs (RID/BEI)**
- **Registration: \$40**
- Target Audience: Certified interpreters, recent ITP graduates, current ITP students, and members of the Deaf community.
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