

# NAVIGATING COMMUNICATION: INTERPRETING FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Presented by  
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9:00am-4:00pm ET

Madonna University  
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Livonia, MI 48150

0.6 PS RID CEUs (M/MH in MI)  
FREE for Michigan Interpreters  
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## ABOUT THE PRESENTER

MJ Grant is a dedicated advocate committed to improving communication and support for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. As a Deaf-Parented Interpreter and workshop presenter, MJ seamlessly blends personal caregiving experiences with professional expertise to navigate the intricate landscape of interpreting in dementia care settings.



With a heartfelt mission to foster empathy and understanding, MJ empowers sign language interpreters of all levels to identify communication challenges, implement effective strategies, and navigate ethical considerations with grace and confidence. Beyond workshops, MJ actively engages in spreading awareness within both Deaf and hearing communities, recognizing the importance of supporting caregivers and creating a more inclusive and compassionate society for all.

## DETAILS

- **Workshop approval pending for 0.6 PS RID CEUs (M/MH in MI).**
- **Lunch will be provided from 12:00pm-1:00pm.**
- Target Audience: Sign language interpreters of all skill levels, from beginner to advanced, who have experience or an interest in providing interpretation services in healthcare, aged care, and community settings. Also invited, are members of the Deaf community interested in learning about dementia care and support, including caregivers, family members, and community advocates.
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## POLICIES

- This event will be conducted in ASL with no English interpretation. For other ADA accommodations, contact Cindy at [cwoodpd@gmail.com](mailto:cwoodpd@gmail.com) at least 14 days prior to the event.
- This is a free event that requires participants to RSVP. Participants should contact Cindy Wood at [cwoodpd@gmail.com](mailto:cwoodpd@gmail.com) with any cancellations as soon as they are able.
- CWoD Professional Development promotes a learning environment free from discrimination and bias, and encourages mutual respect for all participants.



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## DESCRIPTION

The morning portion of this workshop invites sign language interpreters to explore the nuances of interpreting for the Deaf community affected by dementia, blending professional knowledge with MJ's personal caregiving experiences. Participants will engage in interactive scenarios, reflective discussions, and personal story sharing, gaining practical guidance and strategies for enhancing communication across various settings. This unique workshop aims to deepen understanding, foster empathy, and strengthen interpreting skills, making a profound impact in the lives of those we serve.

In the afternoon, MJ will take participants on a heartfelt journey of "Navigating Dementia with an Open Heart," where she continues to share her personal experiences as a caregiver and professional insights as a Deaf-Parented Interpreter. She invites Deaf community members and Sign Language Interpreters to explore the complexities of dementia care, offering practical guidance and strategies for enhancing collaborative communication and support. Through interactive discussions and storytelling, participants will gain a deeper understanding of dementia and learn how to navigate the challenges with compassion and empathy. This workshop is not only an opportunity to learn and grow but also a chance to connect and support one another in our collective journey of caregiving.

## OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Recognize three unique challenges faced by Deaf individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.
- Demonstrate four strategies and coping mechanisms to navigate the complexities of dementia care within the Deaf community.
- Identify three cultural and linguistic factors that impact dementia care within the Deaf community.
- Explore the intersection of identity, communication, and caregiving practices.
- Evaluate three ethical considerations in interpreting for individuals with dementia, and develop ethical resolution strategies in accordance with RID professional standards and principles.

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