

Hiring an interpreter can be daunting if you are not familiar with the process. If you are responsible for hiring an interpreter, you have a couple of choices. You can choose to hire an interpreter through an interpreter referral agency, or you may hire an interpreter directly- either a specific interpreter or by searching through a directory ([Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.](#))

It is important to make sure that the interpreter is licensed and qualified to interpret for your event. Nebraska requires interpreters to be licensed to provide compensated sign language interpreting services. There are different certification exams and levels depending on the skill of the interpreter and the area they work in. When booking, the agency, or individual, will need to know the date and time that the service is needed, the location, the type of event, contact information for individuals at the location, etc.

**The following interpreter referral agencies have contracts with Nebraska-licensed sign language interpreters:**

**Deaf Services Unlimited**

(515) 243-4455

(800) 930-2580

[www.deafservicesunlimited.com](http://www.deafservicesunlimited.com)

[coordinators@deafservicesunlimited.com](mailto:coordinators@deafservicesunlimited.com)

**Interpretek**

[kc.office@interpretek.com](mailto:kc.office@interpretek.com)

(816) 246-8770

**Linguabee**

ASL Interpreting Agency - On-site / VRI

Justin Buckhold, "Bucky"

[support@linguabee.com](mailto:support@linguabee.com)

Voice/Video/Text/Fax: (855) 585-5859

**Purple**

VRI/CART/On-Site

[interpreting@purple.us](mailto:interpreting@purple.us)

Phone: 866-669-7707, Ext. 9

**Sorenson Community Interpreting Services (SCIS)**

Sorenson Communications

Telephone: 800.659.4783

VP: 844.720.1891

[Communityinterpreting@sorenson.com](mailto:Communityinterpreting@sorenson.com)