



Professional Development
for Classroom Interpreters

Dear Employer:

UpGrade Conference: Professional Development for Classroom Interpreters will be hosted in Decatur, Georgia, on September 13, 14, & 15, 2024. This conference is the first of its kind, focused on ASL/English interpreters that work in the K-12 setting, serving deaf and hard of hearing children across the US. This is a phenomenal opportunity for educational sign language interpreters to enhance their skills and acquire new knowledge and updates on best practices within their profession. Participants will have multiple opportunities to earn CEUs and network with other educational professionals during this weekend event.

UpGrade Conference's mission is to support ASL/English interpreters working in K-12 classroom environments through empowerment, education, and networking opportunities. As such, the UpGrade planning team has contracted with subject matter experts to present on a variety of topics, including but not limited to:

- Historical Foundation of Educational Interpreting in the US
- Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, Accessibility, and Belonging
- Mentoring Educational Interpreters
- Language Deprivation Syndrome
- Linguistic, Social, and Disability Justice in the Classroom
- Interpreting Scientific Concepts in the Classroom

The conference will offer a minimum of 1.6 CEUs, 26% of what is required for sign language interpreters' four-year CEU cycle. They will also have an unprecedented opportunity to network with their colleagues and leading experts in the field. Your employee(s) can immerse themselves in a rich learning environment and return to you sharper than ever.

Invest in your employee(s) by supporting their professional development, so they can return to you and provide you with improved work that you and K-12 learners across America deserve.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at UpGradeInterpreters@gmail.com. We hope you will make it possible for your employee(s) to attend our 2024 conference in metro Atlanta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Flanders".

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