

Online Interpreting Service Launched

Widely available and economical technology has made it possible to launch an innovation in communication accessibility on a nationwide basis. *Interpreting Online* works like traditional interpreting scenarios with the physical presence of an interpreter on site. However, *Interpreting Online* is the virtual facilitation of communication between deaf and hearing people in the same room with a Video Interpreter utilizing videoconferencing technology.

Here is how it works: A video camera and telephone transmits audio and visual images to the Video Interpreter at a remote location. Simultaneously, the Video Interpreter voices what is signed to the hearing participants, or signs what is said by the hearing participants, while deaf participants receive signed information on the computer or TV screen.

All that is required is:

- High Speed Internet Access
- Videophone such as D-Link© or web cam
- TV or computer
- Analog phone (preferably speakerphone or headphone)

This technology is an efficient solution to the shortage of sign language interpreters, especially in some rural areas, while maximizing business fiscal resources and accessibility for deaf and hard of hearing people.

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