



## Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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The Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RICDHH) is pleased to announce that Mi Ok Song Bruining has accepted the position of EPCAP Coordinator, effective February 10, 2014.

Mi Ok will be responsible for overseeing the Emergency and Public Communication Access Program, implementing the projects. Mi Ok will be coordinating and collaborating with federal, state, and local governmental agencies and organizations. She will also provide training and consulting on technical and assistive technology that are designed for the deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and deaf-blind populations. Mi Ok will also be participating in RICDHH activities, as assigned and will be reporting to the Executive Director.

Mi Ok brings over 15 years of social services experience, providing counseling, program coordination, and social work practice to diverse populations, including children, adolescents, adults, people with different abilities, and disabilities. She was previously employed as a clinician at Jammatt Housing Community Development Corporation in their Turning the Corner group homes for boys.

The interview team who participated in the selection process did a terrific job. Their efforts are deeply appreciated.

Mi Ok (pronounced "me-oak") can be reached at [MiOk.Bruining@cdhh.ri.gov](mailto:MiOk.Bruining@cdhh.ri.gov) or call her at 401-222-1218. She is in the office from 8 AM – 1 PM, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please contact Mi Ok if you would like to meet her in person, or schedule an EPCAP training or consultation.

**About:**

The Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RI CDHH) is an advocating, coordinating, and service providing entity committed to promoting an environment in which the deaf and hard of hearing in Rhode Island are afforded equal opportunity in all aspects of their lives. The RI CDHH develops policy; initiates and lobbies for favorable legislation; fosters cooperation and awareness among state agencies and community organizations; and educates and advises consumers, state agencies, and employers about Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) rights to equal access. The RI CDHH also provides direct services in its operation of a Sign Language Interpreter Referral Service, a lending library of books and videotapes, and as a clearinghouse of information and referral on all topics related to hearing loss.

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