

## **PRESS RELEASE #2**

### **CART Service Added to the RICDHH Interpreter Referral Service**

(Providence, RI) - As part of the Celebration of the Hearing Loss Awareness Month, the Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RICDHH) announces that RICDHH is going to add the Communication Access RealTime Translation (CART) service to its Interpreter Referral Service on a pilot basis. The service will be known as the RICDHH Interpreter and CART Referral Service. It will be in effect on Monday, May 4, 2009.

The CART service, one of other reasonable and effective accommodations offered in Rhode Island, is frequently used by hard of hearing people and cochlear implant users, as well as deaf people, in order to have maximum communication access. The RICDHH is very pleased to add the CART service to its referral service. There are a number of benefits in doing this. One of benefits is that the paying parties do not have to make TWO calls to request for two services. Starting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, they can make ONLY ONE call for both interpreting and CART services.

To learn more about the CART service including what is CART service, please go to the website, <http://www.cartinfo.org/>.

There is no change in the contact information for the RICDHH Interpreter and CART Referral Services.

(Voice): 401-222-5300

(TTY): 401-222-5301

(VP): 401-354-7630

(FAX): 401-222-5736

Requests for interpreting and/or CART assignments or questions about interpreters and/or CART captioners can be done by sending an e-mail to the RICDHH Referral Specialist at [Interpreter@cdhh.ri.gov](mailto:Interpreter@cdhh.ri.gov).

The RICDHH Interpreter and CART Referral Service hours will be from 8:30AM to 4:00PM.

RICDHH will continue making a strong commitment in providing the high quality of the Interpreter and CART referral services in Rhode Island.

#### About RI CDHH

Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RI CDHH) is advocating, coordinating, and service providing entity committed to promoting an environment in which the Deaf and Hard of Hearing constituents in Rhode Island are afforded an equal opportunity in all aspects of their lives. The RI CDHH provides direct services in its operation of Sign Language Interpreter Referral Service, a lending library of books and videotapes totally related to the deafness, and as a clearinghouse of information and referral on all topics related to hearing loss. Contact RI CDHH Main Office - (401) 222-1205 (TTY & Videophone), (401) 222-1204 (Voice) or Email: [CDHH@CDHH.RI.GOV](mailto:CDHH@CDHH.RI.GOV).