

“Hi my name is Curtiss James, and I am the Sign Language Interpreter Referral Specialist here at the RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. It’s crucial that you have communication access when attending an appointment, so I will take a moment to explain how to set up a sign language interpreter. Suppose you or a family member is sick, and you need to see a doctor? You should give the doctors office my name and number, and have them call me at commission. I will then try and set up the interpreter. I have a group of interpreters that I will call, and see if someone is available. Once I find someone, I will call the doctors office, and let them know I have secured an interpreter. Remember, this is not for medical appointments only! Suppose you have court, a school meeting, or any other situation where you need an interpreter. It’s important that you let the person know that you need an interpreter.

I look forward to working with you in the future, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Take care!”

(Translated in American Sign Language by Curtiss James)



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