

“Hello!

A third goal of RI CDHH is to work with the Department of Education and RIDE.

Our job is to ensure that schools are in compliance with federal law and to apprise them of the rights of deaf and hard of hearing students and the funding that is available to serve the educational needs of these students. For example, according to The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individual with Disabilities Educational ACT (IDEA) and other laws. Deaf and hard of hearing students have a right to a free and appropriate education which may mean that they require the use of a Sign Language interpreter or assistive listening devices in the classroom.

We will also collaborate with RIDE to develop an evaluation tool for educational interpreters. Once the skills that are needed are identified, RI CDHH can recommend appropriate training. As a result of this training interpreters will perform better and students and their families can feel more confident about the public educational system.

We are committed to creating a formal relationship with RIDE so that we can assist them in providing high quality educational services to deaf students in accordance with the law. ”

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