

Support Service Provider (SSP) Workshop

An Introduction to Serving Deaf-Blind Consumers

Presented by:

Marilyn Trader, MSW
Carli Jones, BA, BS

Fee: \$10 for Students
\$15 for General Admission
(cost of Lunch)

Must cancel before 48 hours of the event to receive refund

CEUs Awarded: 1.1 PS
Lunch Provided Friday

Presented in English with ASL Interpretation

Please RSVP by May 15th to:
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Bridges for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is proud to host an SSP training for all those interested in serving Deaf-Blind consumers.

Part One: Friday
May 19th 2017

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Part Two: Saturday
May 20th 2017

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Bridges
935 Edgehill Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203

Participants will have an opportunity to learn how powerful touch can be when working with consumers who have a vision and hearing loss. This will include but not limit to the use of Tactile Sign Language, Various Touch Signals, and other systems that have been researched and successfully used across the world. Participation is encouraged in this workshop through hands-on practice of these communication systems. Utilizing the power of touch, participants will reconnect their clients to environmental information that may be otherwise missed. Participants will learn techniques and science behind using touch to communicate without interrupting communication while putting control back into the clients' hands. Participants will learn the pros and cons of different types of "touch communications" used and what occurs without the use of this controlled system.

Meet the Presenters

Marilyn Trader holds a B.S. in psychology and sociology with a concentration in political science from Illinois State University and a master's degree in social work from Gallaudet University. Prior to joining HKNC, Marilyn was a clinical social worker, whose practice focused on the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind communities; their families; and service providers. She also served as a rehabilitation counselor for deaf-blind individuals at North Carolina's Services for the Blind. Working in collaboration with other agencies, she continues to advocate for support groups and the implementation of SSP programs locally and nationally.

Carli Jones holds a B.A. in Deaf Studies and a B.S. in ASL/English Interpreting from Eastern Kentucky University, where she was 1 of 20 students accepted into their accredited Interpreter Education Program. Prior to transferring to Eastern, Carli attended the University of Alaska Anchorage, where she re-established the ASL club seven years after it closed. She was elected as President of the club, and hosted many events for the Deaf community and education for those at the University regarding the Deaf. When she transferred to Eastern Kentucky University in 2013, she was elected President of the American Sign Language Association, a position she held until graduation. Carli is currently employed as a staff interpreter at Bridges in Nashville, TN, where she works in the community and specializes in Deaf-Blind and Performance interpreting. In 2013 Carli was diagnosed with bi-lateral Meniere's disease and has been wearing hearing aids since then. She has served as an SSP and Deaf-Blind interpreter for 3 years, and she received her training from Marilyn Trader of HKNC. Carli is establishing an SSP program at Bridges and continues to make an advocate and

