

**Ethics: Where Do I Stand?**

**Sponsored by Regional Low Incidence Projects – Region 11**

Online registration deadline: February 12, 2024

**BrightWorks Virtual Training**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**For:** K-12 ASL Educational Interpreters

**Workshop will be presented in Spoken English.**

**COST: No cost for ASL Educational Interpreters currently working within a Minnesota K-12 district setting.**

Registration will be checked for qualified registrants**.** All others, who are not Minnesota school district interpreters and fall outside our target audience, are welcome to attend for a fee of $25.

Virtual – Zoom Registration Link for participation will be emailed to Registrants the day before the workshop begins.

**Workshop Description:**

The educational setting, like many other settings, is full of ethical dilemmas and situations that require us to consider the students, teachers, and other participants in the interpreting setting. Do you ever feel like making an ethical decision is a little bit like walking through an educational minefield? We often wonder if we have a responsibility to “let go” of our personal beliefs when working as an interpreter. This workshop will help us identify the criteria that determine whether a genuine conflict exists. It is important to recognize that our personal beliefs and values do make a difference when we encounter ethical dilemmas. Yet, many of us have been left wondering if the decisions we made were right or wrong, good, or bad, or someplace in-between. Through discussions, we will come to understand what it means to hold a sacred trust as a professional and how to maintain that trust. Throughout the training we will examine and discuss ethical scenarios, these open discussions will help us determine how to prevent ethical explosions. In addition, we will demystify terms that influence our ethical decision-making, such as deontological, teleological, morals, character, and values.

**Presenter:**

**William F. Ross III, M.S.** is currently the Vice President of Hands Up Communications, an all-access language company in Ocala, Florida. He is also one of the primary authors for one of the most recognized texts in the field of interpreting, You Want To Be An Interpreter? (5th Ed.) As a child of Deaf parents, he has been interpreting for more than 38 years and holds national certification (CI/CT) from the Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf. Previously, Bill was the Curriculum Development Specialist for Deaf Bible Society (DBS); an international organization that provided training and resources for individuals working on Scripture translation. Prior to working at DBS, he was the Program Director of the Carlstrom Interpreter Training Program at North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bill is passionate about building mentoring relationships, studying American Sign Language, and accompanying interpreters on the journey of perfecting their craft.

**Register:** <https://metroecsu.myquickreg.com/register/event/event.cfm?eventid=17213>

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