Strategic Partnerships: Cooperation Among Stakeholders in Sign Language Interpreting Isn’t Enough

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Who are the major stakeholders in the Sign Language Interpreting Community?
Deaf Organizations

Schools / Programs for the Deaf

Interpreting Agencies

Interpreter Training Programs

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals

Sign Language Interpreters
Issues

- Lack of Knowledge
- Oppression
- Privilege
- Lack of Community Accountability
- Quality vs. Quantity
- Empowerment
People Talk Cooperation

- We emphasize the importance of it; Yet when it comes to walking the talk
- Do we really embrace it?
- Ask yourself: What does cooperation TRULY mean to you?
- What is cooperation – what is not cooperation?
Challenges

• Ownership
  • Who makes the decision?

• Respect
  • Earn respect from fellow stakeholders

• Choices
  • Allow stakeholders to make choices
Ask yourself what you can do.