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Deaf Communication by Innovation is expanding services to Central Illinois!

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DCI is a Deaf owned and operated business created to improve communication between Deaf and hearing people through current communication trends.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

FOR OUR CLIENTS,  
CUSTOMERS, SIGN  
LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS  
AND THE DEAF COMMUNITY

### ASL CORNER

We are pleased to announce upcoming ASL class Schedule - Level One in the Chicago area!

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### REMOTE CAPTIONING AVAILABLE

DCI provides high quality remote captioning for students to receive a verbatim transcription of live lectures, conferences and meetings in real time.



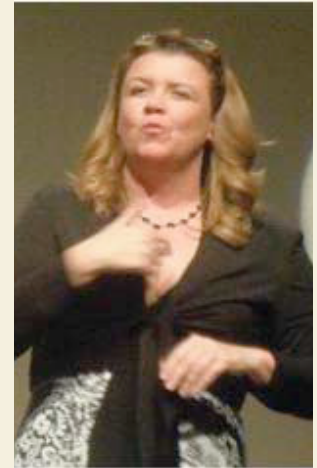
## MULTIMEDIA CORNER

## SPOTLIGHT



Raymond  
Rodgers

CEO of Deaf  
Communication  
by Innovation  
(DCI)



Dana Craig, Consultant

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Dana Craig has joined the DCI team part time to bring services to Central Illinois and downstate Illinois. She will be the person coordinating services in Central Illinois. We are excited to be able to provide services outside of the Chicago area.

#### **SERVICES DCI OFFERS:**

- Sign Language Interpreter Referral services
- ASL classes, Instruction, Tutoring services
- Captioning services
- Consultation services
- Multimedia services

#### **BENEFITS FOR BUSINESSES:**

- Compliance with disability related laws
- Coordinating interpreter requests

#### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP:**

DCI donated interpreting coordinating services to Mc Lean County Diversity Project here in Bloomington, IL for their interpreted play "The Laramie Project".

DCI is proud to support this endeavor of providing access for the Deaf population and awareness on diversity with the youth scholars from the McLean County Diversity Project!

DCI partnered with the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) to provide a workshop on cultural consciousness called "Deaf Advocacy and Domestic Violence" in Springfield, IL on June 2nd.

If you are interested in training or workshop on cultural consciousness, contact DCI for more information!

For more information, contact Dana Craig  
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## Calling for Interpreters in Downstate Illinois!

### *Benefits of working with DCI!*

*All job postings are available  
online 24/7!*

*Calendar of all your  
assignments online!*

*Invoice automatically  
completed after job!*

*Paid within 2 to 3 weeks!*

*Marketing, billing, and no  
more dealing with  
delinquency payments!*

**Let's meet at your local  
Starbucks for a cup of  
coffee and get you  
signed up!**

**Contact Dana Craig at  
[dcraig@deafcomm.net](mailto:dcraig@deafcomm.net)**

## ASL's Corner:

From the desk of Matt Lieberman, ASL Instruction Coordinator

DCI offers sign language classes at different levels. Level 1 - 5 are all 6 weeks long, meeting for once a week, for \$95.

We teach from a book called "ASL at Work" and it is used for all classes that DCI offers. You are not required to purchase the book, but it is highly recommended. Past participants used it to help practice new signs learned that day, to review or to refer to.

DCI offers a fun, warm environment where you can learn sign language. Come as you are! You will learn about Deaf Culture and community as we all practice signing to each other. You will see video clips of Deaf people talking with each other. If you are interested in signing up for a class or want more information, please check out our Facebook page or DCI's website [www.deafcomm.net](http://www.deafcomm.net)

### CHICAGO CLASSES INFORMATION

Chicago classes will be held at 3711 N. Ravenswood Ave, Suite 143 (ASL Studio) in Chicago, IL 60613. Free parking! DCI is one block away from the CTA Brown Line E - Addison or Irving Park stops.

### DOWNSTATE ILLINOIS

If we have enough interest, DCI will consider offering these classes in downstate Illinois area! If you are from this area and you are interested, please email us at [ASLclass@deafcomm.net](mailto:ASLclass@deafcomm.net). DCI will put your name on our list for future classes as they become available.

### ASL Instruction services offered

*Are you struggling with certain ASL topics?*

*Do you need practice in ASL?*

*Are you looking for personalized and professional help while learning ASL?*

*Are you having a difficult time with expressive & receptive ASL skills?*

DCI offers both ASL private instruction and tutoring; both are offered on-site at DCI's office, off-site or remotely via webcam or videophone.

- Private instruction follows DCI's ASL classes, using the ASL at Work textbook and DVD.
- Tutoring is without the ASL at Work textbook. DCI will adapt to your specific needs for ASL such as classifiers, new words, sentences, interpreting, different topics, etc.

### BENEFITS

- Personalized & custom tutoring sessions at your own pace!
- Conversing fluently with a Deaf ASL signer
- Learning more new words
- Sentences & grammar improvements
- Getting feedback
- Classifiers
- Old signs and new signs
- Networking
- Text interpreting
- Preparing for tests



Matt Lieberman, ASL Instructor/Coordinator

### Upcoming ASL Class Schedule – Level One

Thursdays,  
6:30 to 8:30 pm,  
August 6– September 10

Tuesdays,  
6:30 to 8:30 pm,  
October 20 -November 24

at  
DCI  
3711 N. Ravenswood,  
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*Tammi Flowers, VP of Operations*

## Interpreter's Corner:

From the desk of Tammi Flowers, Vice President of Operations

Hello All!

I am pleased to have an opportunity to reach out to the community regarding DCI's expansion of interpreter referral services in downstate Illinois. Professionally, I have worked with DCI for 8 years with a background in HR management and operations. During my free time, I enjoy being with my children and grandchildren as well as taking care of my dog, Nala.

DCI is excited to have Dana Craig join our team in providing additional services including interpreter recruitment, ASL classes, real time captioning services, multimedia services and accessibility consultation services. DCI has much to offer the interpreting community with job opportunities as well as interpreter referral services for customers in downstate Illinois. Please feel free to contact me at 777.857.7709 or at [request@deafcomm.net](mailto:request@deafcomm.net) with any questions you may have.

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*\*Note to interpreters who want to improve their interpreting skills can take advantage of our tutoring services offered by DCI's ASL Instruction Coordinator. Contact DCI at [ASLclass@deafcomm.net](mailto:ASLclass@deafcomm.net) for more information!*

*Watch your inbox for July's edition of De'Communique. This newsletter will recognize the ADA's 25th anniversary with the focus on ADA related issues and Deaf Interpreters.*