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## Deaf Communication by Innovation celebrates the ADA's 25th Anniversary!

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

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT BUSH ON JULY 26TH, 1990.

The ADA is a civil right law that prohibits discrimination based on disability. This law requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations to their employees with disabilities. It also includes accessibility requirements on public accommodations. For more information, contact Great Lakes ADA Center here in Chicago at 800- 949- 4232.

**\*Look for ADA Technical tips on page 3**

### FIRST DEAF INTERPRETER CONFERENCE

Dana Craig, consultant, and Raymond Rodgers, the CEO of Deaf Communication by Innovation, went to the first Deaf Interpreter Conference at St. Catie's University in St Paul, Minnesota. This was the first Deaf Interpreter conference in history, 51 years after the first workshop for interpreters at Ball State.

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**DCI BOOTH AT THE ADA  
25TH ANNIVERSARY  
EXHIBITS IN CHICAGO**



Deaf Interpreter Conference  
June 20-24,  
2015 at St. Catie's  
University  
in St. Paul,  
MN

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The Deaf Interpreter Conference hit a milestone of 208 attendees and sold out quickly. Attendees came from all over the USA and Canada to chart a course for the emerging field of Deaf Interpreting.

DCI is proud to support this emerging field by providing Deaf Interpreters to our customers. In addition, the company is attempting to increase the pool of Deaf Interpreters by hosting a Meet and Greet event to educate the Deaf Community about the availability and advantages of DI's. A secondary goal is to seek out potential candidates to become Deaf Interpreters and to mentor them through the qualification process.

### BENEFITS OF USING DEAF INTERPRETERS:

- Clarify complex situations
- Provide "Culturally" and "linguistically" accurate communication
- Provide "effective communication" access for everyone

For more information, DCI at 773.857.7709 or email at [request@deafcomm.net](mailto:request@deafcomm.net).



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Tammi Flowers

# ADA Technical Assistance TIPS:

From the desk of Tammi Flowers,  
Vice President of Operations

In recognition of the ADA's 25th anniversary, DCI would like to share some technical assistance tips with you.

## ADA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TIPS:

- Any programs or services opened to the public require reasonable accommodations such as a sign language interpreter, or real time captioning for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing population.
- Discuss with the client what accommodations they will need
- Do not use family members as interpreters

DCI offers consultation services, in service training, interpreter services and real time captioning. If you need more information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [request@deafcomm.net](mailto:request@deafcomm.net) or call me at 773.857.7709.

*\*Note: You can take advantage of the real time captioning services offered by DCI.*

Contact DCI at [request@deafcomm.net](mailto:request@deafcomm.net) for more information!

## CHICAGO'S DEAF ARTS FEST

SEPT. 19 & 20, 2015

3711 N. Ravenswood Ave  
Chicago, IL 60613  
Suite 143 & 144

Over 300 Deaf Artists showcasing and selling their art works!

For more information, go to [www.deafquest.com](http://www.deafquest.com)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE DEAF ARTS FEST

Interested in volunteering for the Deaf Arts Fest, please contact [arts@deafquest.com](mailto:arts@deafquest.com)