



Alabama Department of Mental Health-Office of Deaf Services  
and ADARA PRESENTS



Optimizing Outcomes:  
**Trauma Informed Care and the Deaf Population**

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**  
**9:30 am to 4:00 pm (5.5 clock hours)**

**Registration fee: \$35 paid prior to January 31, 2018**  
**\$45 if paid after January 31, 2018 or at the door**

\$20 registration for full time ITP or Counseling Students (Non-certified, non-working)

**Registration fee waived for Employees of ADMH, CMHCs, and SA Center contract providers of Alabama Department of Mental Health.**

**\*Lunch on your own**



**Presenter**  
**Roger C. Williams**

**Location TBA**  
**Montgomery, AL**

*This session is targeted at service providers who specialize in some aspect of deafness (therapists, rehabilitation counselors and specialists, direct care staff, substance abuse providers, teachers and education staff, and interpreters, etc.). The presenter will discuss various aspects of trauma informed care and how it impacts individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, their family, and the deaf community. This course will include a discussion of barriers that deaf/hard of hearing individuals face and unique characteristics of the population, best practice related to clinical approaches and cultural and linguistic differences that are part of the process for deaf and hard of hearing individuals and an exploration of resources available.*

During this training, participants will have a thorough understanding of Trauma Informed Care and the Deaf Population Service Needs, preparing to work with deaf and hard of hearing persons with trauma-related issues through appropriate therapeutic approaches, milieu, aftercare, self-help information, and resources.

- Discuss the barriers that are present for the deaf population
- Develop population specific skills in recognizing thoughts, behaviors, cultural influences of trauma-related behavior in the deaf population
- Discussing interpreting dilemmas that emerge from this field of work;

After the training, participants will be able to:

- Identify challenges of therapeutic work with individuals who are Deaf and have experienced trauma.
- Recognize culturally and linguistically appropriate approaches as they relate to deaf and hard of hearing communities;
- Identify strategies to engage deaf and hard of hearing consumers with traumatic experiences in treatment;
- Develop resource strategies for effective treatment options
- Discuss interpreting considerations related to communication approaches and alliances)

**5.5 Clinical Hours (0.55 CEs) pending. 0.55 RID CEUS provided for Interpreters.**

**AUDIENCE: FOR DEAF AND/OR SIGNING PROVIDERS**

Currently eligible: Certified Mental Health Professionals, Nurses, Social Workers, Counselors, Rehabilitation Counselors, Case Managers, Psychologists, Drug/Alcohol Counselors, Domestic Violence Providers, MH and SA Providers, Group Home Staff, Educators, Educational staff, Interpreters in Mental Health, Community Interpreters, Educational Interpreters, etc.

## Thursday, March 1, 2018 (Deaf/Signing Providers)

**Roger Williams LMSW, ABD, CT/NAD 5**, Roger. Williams is currently employed by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health as Director for Deaf Services. He was previously the Program Manager at the Piedmont Center for Mental Health Services and the Social Worker IV and Program Coordinator at the Deaf Services Program at Patrick Harris Psychiatric Hospital. He received his BSW from the Rochester Institute of Technology and his MSW, specializing in community mental health, from the University of Illinois. In addition, he has a private practice specializing in consulting and training related to the needs of deaf adults in the mental health system. He has interpreted in a wide variety of settings, including the NAD and RID conferences and in forensic and court settings. Mr. Williams is a S.C. Licensed Master Social Worker, and holds an RID Certificate of Transliteration and an SCAD/NAD IAP Level 5 Interpreting Certificate. He is the 1989 winner of the N.C. Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities Distinguished Service Award, the 1979 winner of the Robert D. Frisina Award for deaf/hearing integration, the 1996 winner of the "Outstanding Transition to the Community" from the South Carolina Mental Health Association and the 2001 "Interpreter of the Year" for the South Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. As the parent of four deaf children and two hearing children and the spouse of a deaf adult, Mr. Williams is active in a number of local, state-wide, regional and national advocacy and social organization, including being the United States representative to the International Institute on Mental Health Leadership Task Force on Deaf Individuals. Roger is recognized as a Qualified Mental Health Interpreter Practicum Supervisor.

**Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.**

**Eligible participants must be in attendance for the full program to receive credit for completing the course.**

CEUS applied for Interpreters, Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists, Nursing.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REFUNDS, SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS OR TO SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION:

**Checks should be written to ADARA and mailed to:**

Office of Deaf Services  
Alabama Department of Mental Health  
PO Box 301410, Montgomery, AL 36130  
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**In the event the workshop is cancelled, you will be notified by email.  
No refunds will be provided for participant cancellation.**

Please print clearly.

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