

About CCDHHDB

The Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind's (CCDHHDB) mission is to be agents of change for a sustainable statewide network of resources, dedicated to cultural and linguistic equality. CCDHHDB's programs and services include Auxiliary Services, Outreach & Consultative Services, Communications Technology Program, DeafBlind Services, System Advocacy, and a Grant Program.

CCDHHDB also coordinates the RISP Pilot, which provides:

- Sign language interpreting services in rural areas
- Financial assistance for initial and advanced sign language interpreter training
- Outreach

A Note about the ADA

Entities have the obligation to provide "effective communication" under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The RISP Pilot is currently available to assist with fulfilling this obligation.

Interpreter Certification

Colorado's Consumer Protection Act requires sign language "interpreters" to be certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). Section 6-1-707(1)(e), C.R.S.

Requesting an Interpreter

Fill out a form online

Forms may be completed and submitted via the website at www.colorisp.com

Fill out a hard copy of the form

Download a copy of the form from our website above or contact CCDHHDB for a copy of the form, and submit the completed form to CCDHHDB via one of the methods listed below (email, fax, mail, or phone).

Email: ccdhhdb_risp@state.co.us

Phone: 720-457-3679

Fax: 303-866-4831

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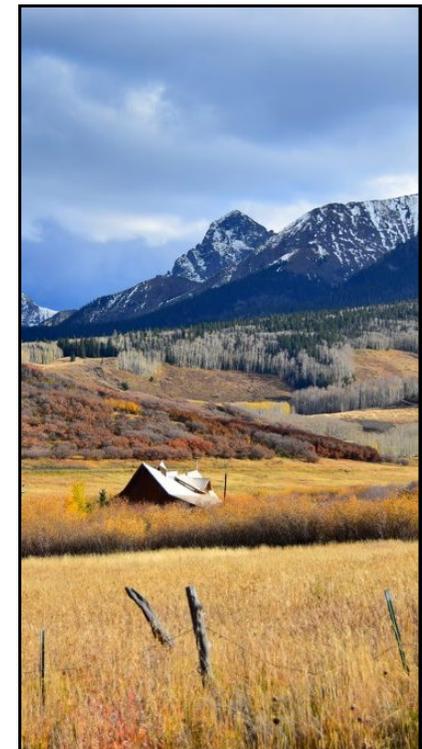


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Rural Interpreting Services Project (RISP) Pilot



**Sign Language Interpreting
Services for Deaf,
Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind
Rural Coloradans**

Pilot Project for Rural Coloradans



Barriers to Effective Communication in Rural Areas

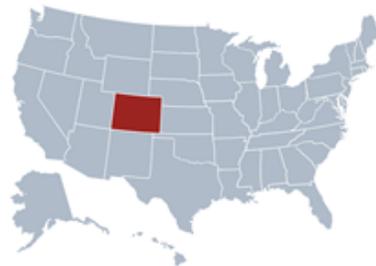
Colorado's Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has recognized that there is a shortage of sign language interpreters in rural communities. This shortage has contributed to frequent barriers for "effective communication" for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind.

As a result of this barrier in rural areas, the JBC funded the two-year RISP Pilot beginning July 2018.

What counts as a Rural Area?

People living on the Front Range already have access to established sign language interpreting services. In contrast, rural areas have less access to quality interpreting services. Interpreting services are very expensive because sign language interpreters often must be contracted from the Front Range.

Thus, for the purposes of the RISP Pilot, "rural" areas have been identified as areas outside of the Front Range. Pueblo will be treated as a rural area for this project.



The Front Range is NOT included



Sign Language Interpreters

The RISP Pilot will arrange for and provide sign language interpreters in rural areas of Colorado at no cost to consumers or service providers for up to two years. Rural communities will have access to quality interpreting services for a variety of needs, including: medical, legal, community, or work-related situations. Note that school interpreting for Pre K-12th grade or college/university interpreting is not covered.

The RISP Pilot will also provide opportunities for initial and advanced sign language interpreter training to increase the availability of interpreting services in rural areas.

Contact RISP to request interpreters for:

Medical: Doctors, Dentists, Mental Health Services

Legal: Municipal Court, Attorney-client meetings, Law Enforcement (Police, Sheriff, State Patrol)

Work: Job Site Meetings, Interviews, Training

Other: Meetings, Events, Presentations, Trainings, Government Services

And more!