

K-12 Legislative Trends

University of Northern Colorado
Distance Opportunities for
Interpreter Training Center



RID Convention
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Objectives



- Explore current status of K-12 interpreter standards
- Consider implications
- Discuss “next steps”



What it is & is not...



- K-12 standards



- Not community interpreting
- Not other specialties
- Not licensure

Why important?



- New federal requirements - IDEA 2004 reauthorization
- New 'role' – related service provider
- New rules – highly qualified personnel (NCLB)

Guidelines



Meeting the needs of students who are deaf or hard of hearing: Educational services guidelines. NASDSE, 2006.

www.nasdse.org

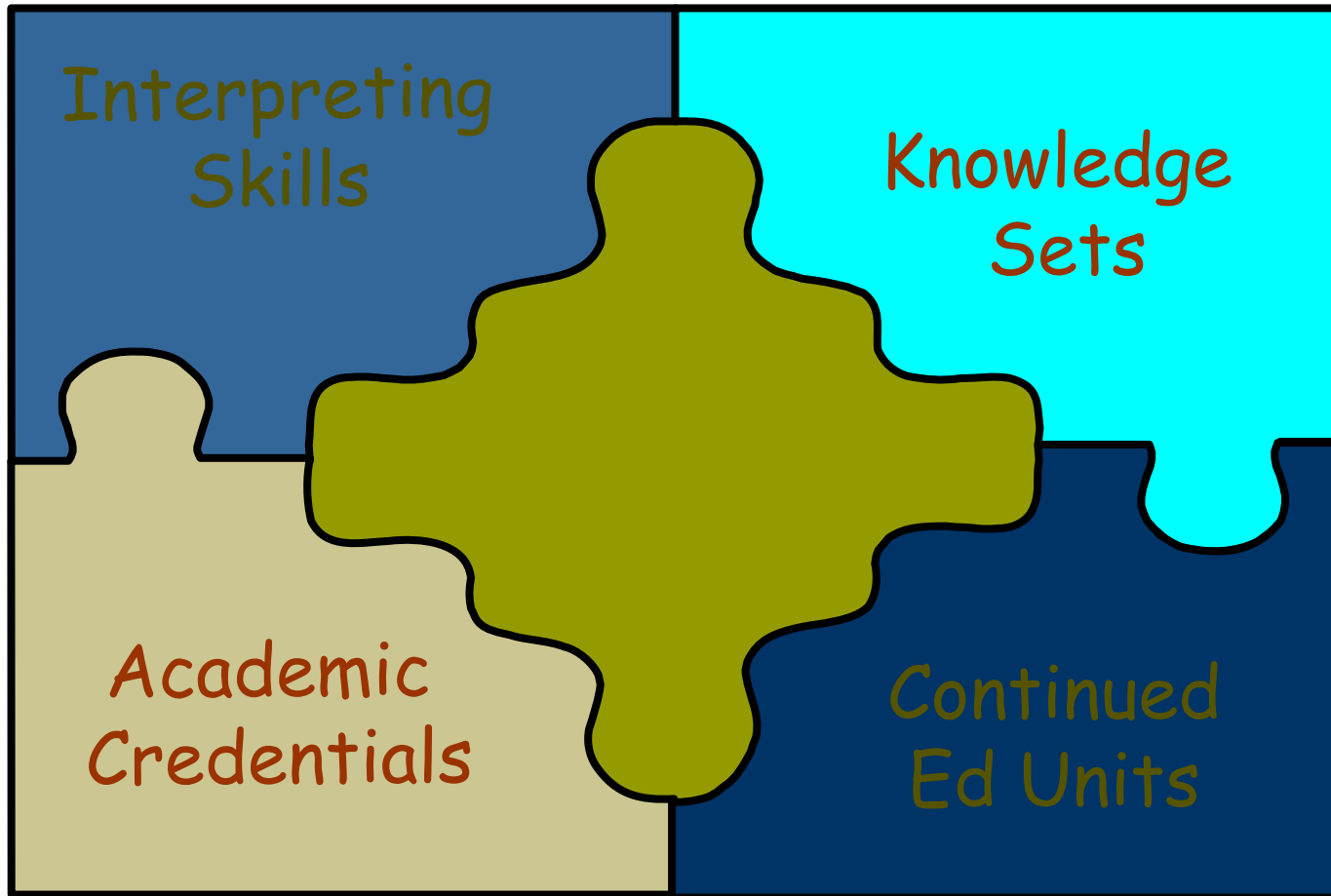


State of Interpreting Field

Technician

Practice
Profession

Highly qualified





State of the field of interpreting

- Technician
 - Skilled
 - Ethical
 - Professional credentials
- Practice Profession
 - Skills
 - Knowledge
 - Professional credentials
 - Academic credentials
 - Continuing Ed Units

Questions of interest



- Requirements for educational interpreters?
- What?
 - Interpreting skills
 - Knowledge sets
 - Academic credentials
 - Continuing Education Units?
- Who monitors?

The work



- Investigated websites

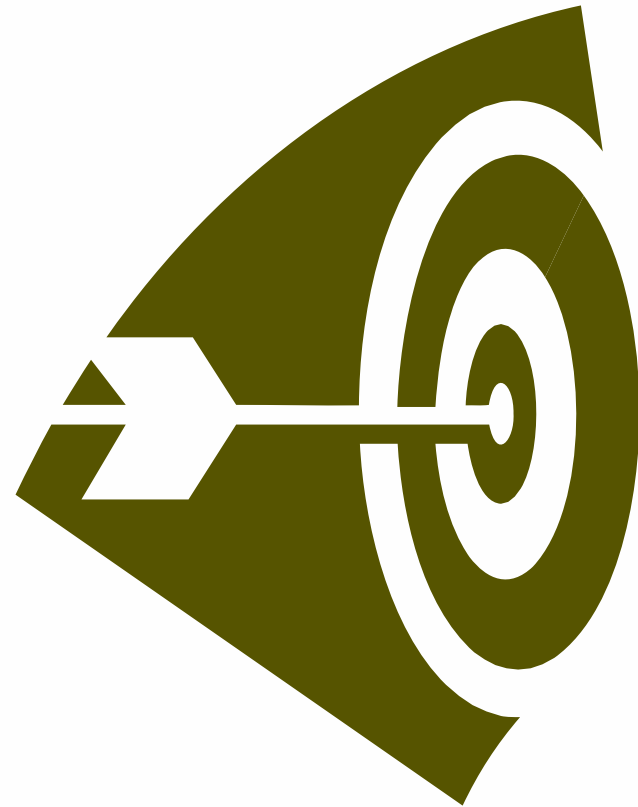


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Moving target!



- Like to update...
- Other info? Let me know!



Requirements on website



Don't have...
Couldn't find...



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Couldn't find...

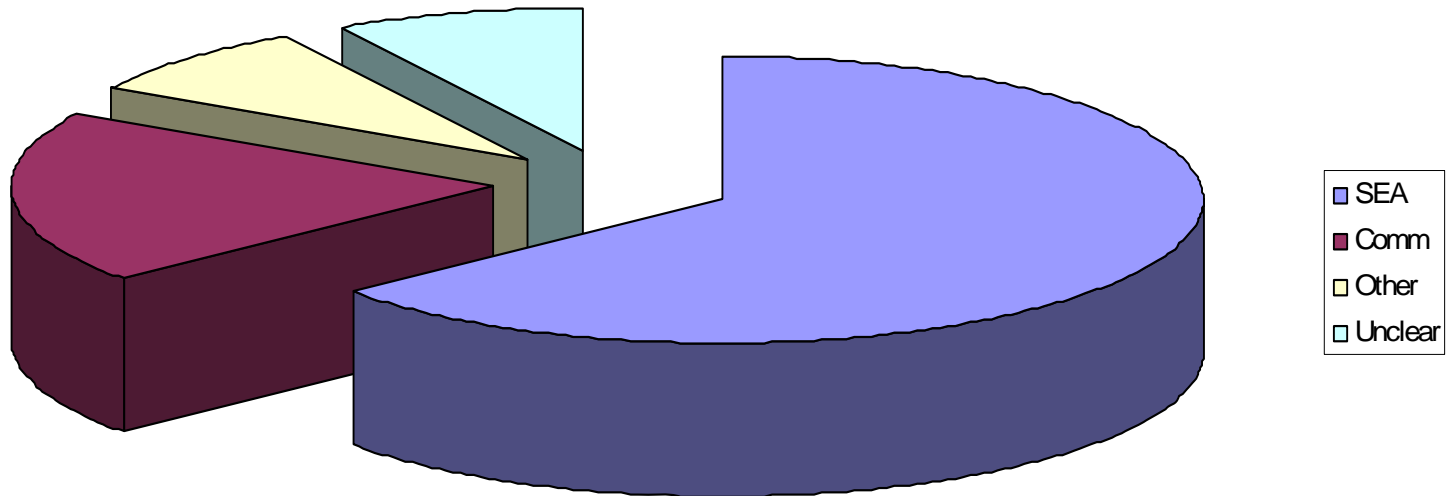


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Florida	Montana	Pennsylvania
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Vermont
Kentucky	New York	Washington
Maryland	Ohio	Wyoming

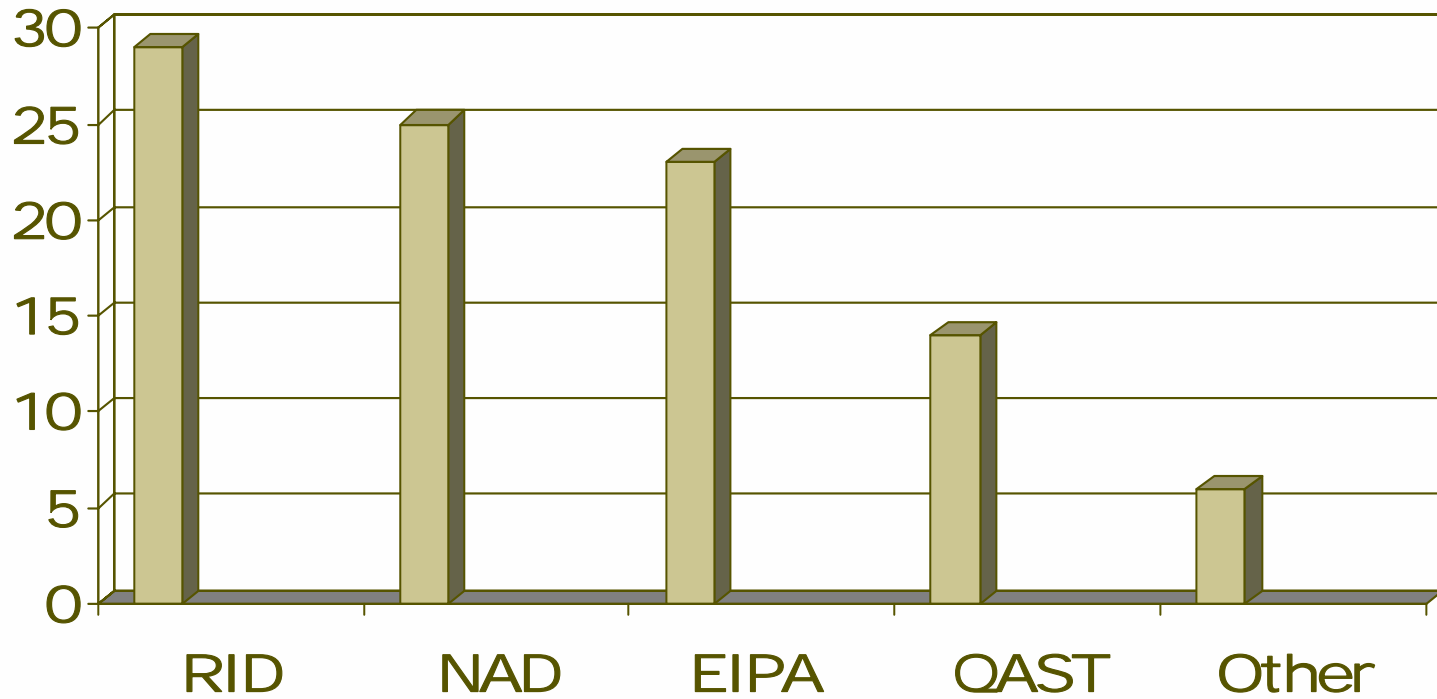
Who monitors?



Monitoring Agency



Skills exams



Other skills exams



- Oral interpreting/
transliteration
- Cued Speech



Variations



- RID
 - Any certificate to date
 - NIC
- NAD
 - Level 3 or 4

- EIPA
 - 10 states 3.0+
 - 11 states 3.5+
 - 2 states 4.0+

Single requirements



RID	EIPA	QAST
DE	AK	AR
RI	CO	MO
	TN	UT

Knowledge exams...



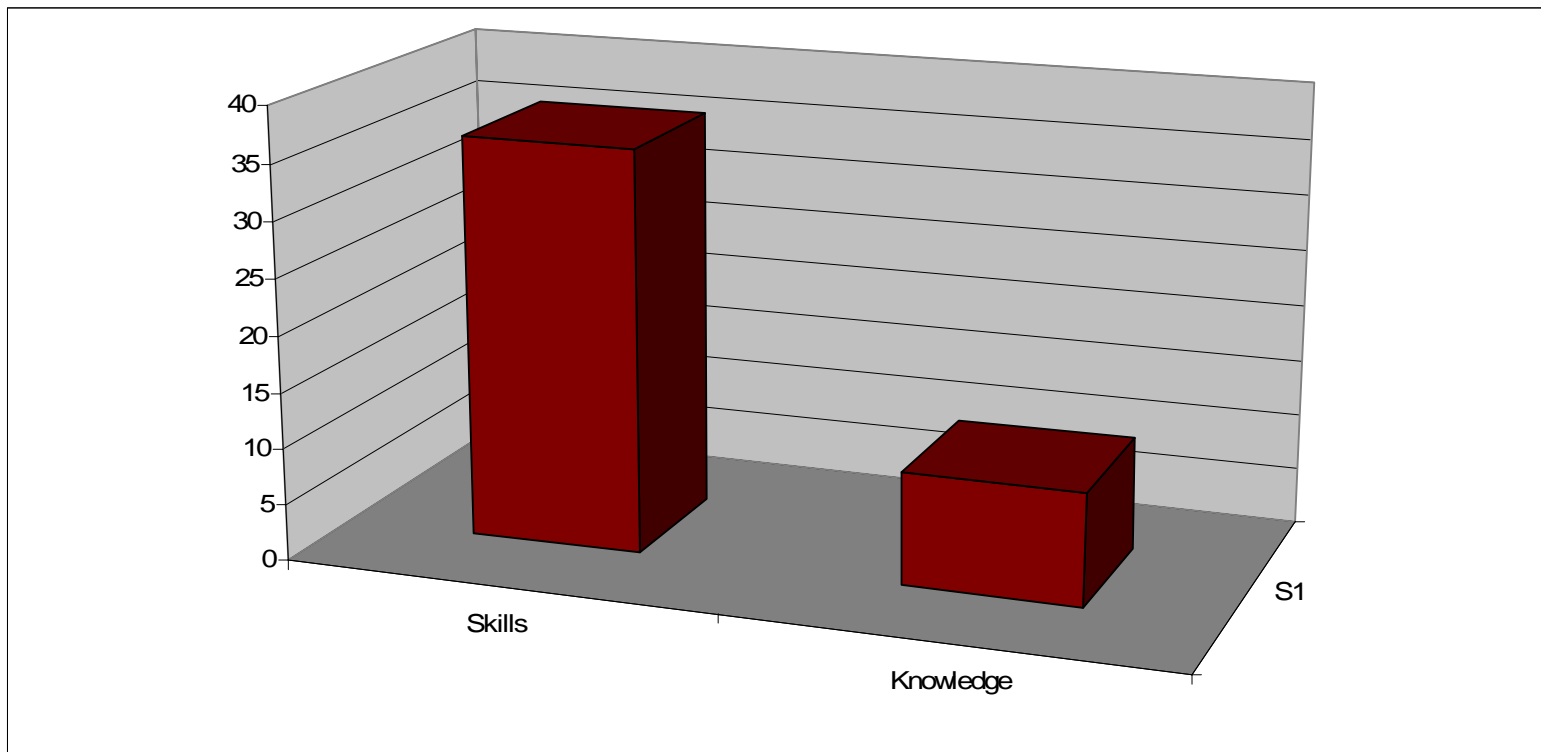
- EIPA: WT

- AK
- CO
- IL
- SC

- Other

- AL
- AR
- IL
- MO
- NJ

Skills vs Knowledge



Academic credentials:



High school diploma / GED

- AR
- AZ
- IL*
- ME
- MI
- NJ*
- NV
- NC*



Academic credentials



Postsecondary education

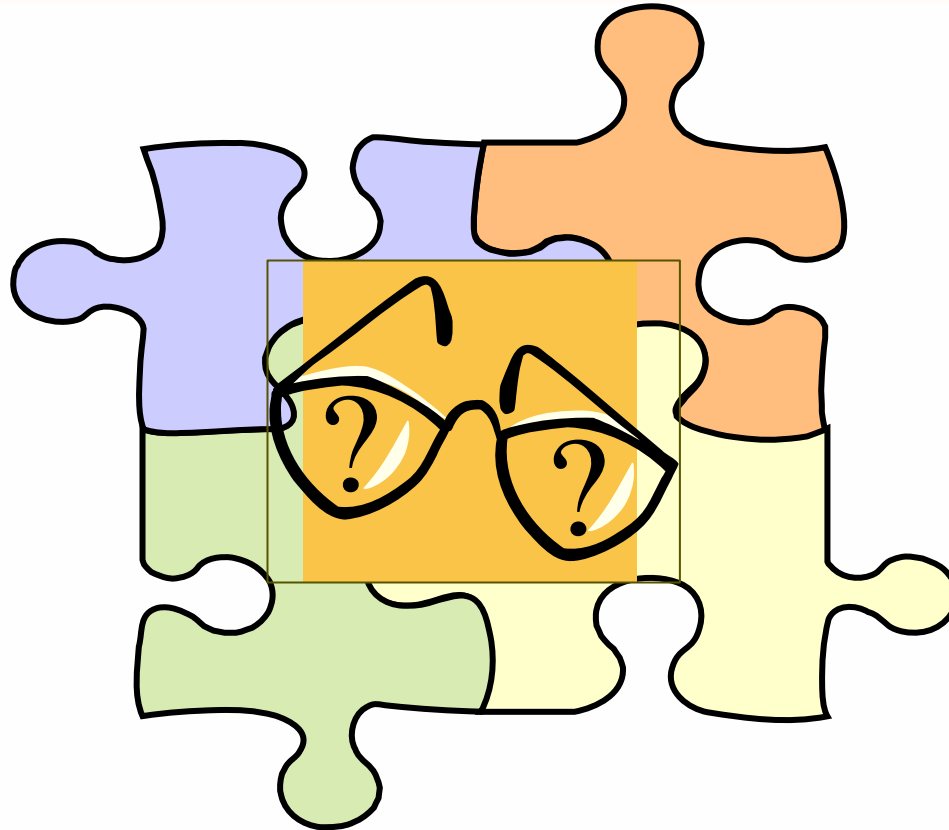
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CT	CO	DE	AL
ID	NJ		IL
LA			LA
MN			MN
OK			NJ
			OK

Interesting things...



- SEAs using endorsement system
- States recognizing other state credentials
- Tiered systems with timelines

Trends?



Highly Qualified
Educational Interpreter Services

Trends?



- States addressing qualifications of interpreters
- Most standards set & monitored by SEAs
- Standards focus primarily on ‘technicians’
- Some efforts to shift to practice professionals

What's next?

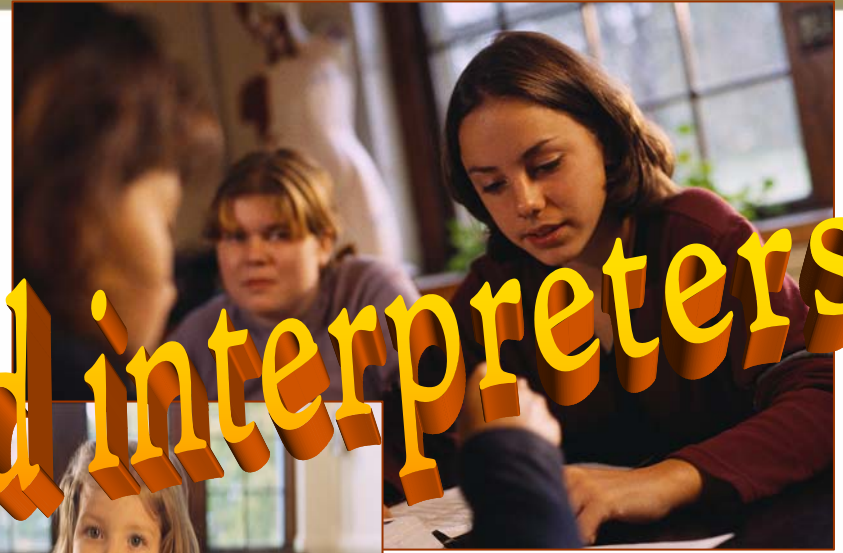
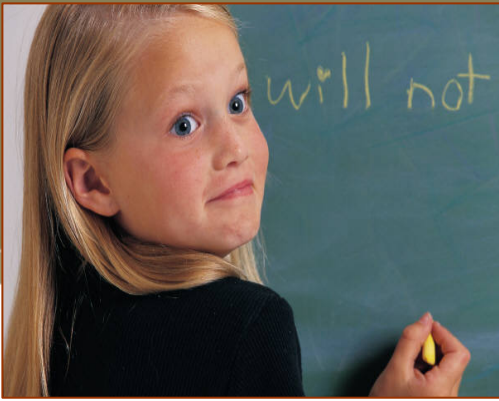


- Research data from SEAs
 - How many interpreters working
 - How many interpreters taking the 'test'
 - How many interpreters met standards
 - How are standards enforced...which agency
 - How are 'emergency credentials' handled
 - How are student needs met

What's next?



- Data on interpreted education
- Implications for interpreter education
- Implications for mentoring



Highly qualified interpreters?



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