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Authentic Outreach: Meeting People Where They Are

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Welcome to Orange County!



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2SLGBTQQIA+ Community Engagement

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 The slide features a large word cloud on the left side, set against a background of overlapping circles in blue, white, and pink. The words in the cloud include: polysexual, two-spirit, mlm, ftm, omnisexual, pansexual, afab, lesbian, gay, neopronouns, msm, drag, intersex, bisexual, non-binary, amab, demisexual, gnc, queer, trans, transgender, genderqueer, heterosexual, agender, transition, cisgender, and mtf. On the right side of the slide, there is a vertical strip containing two video thumbnails of ASL interpreters. The top thumbnail shows a man with the caption 'ASL Interpreter Courtney', and the bottom thumbnail shows a woman with the caption 'ASL Interpreter M...'. Below these thumbnails, the text 'ASL Interpreter Melina' is visible.

Image description: a word cloud of different terminology for sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression. Beck will read them off in list format.

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QUEER DISABLED AND PROUD!

Queer, Disabled, and Proud is a hybrid peer support group that happens every 1st Tuesday of the month at 5pm, and it is about supporting people who are at the intersection of being both queer and disabled. Whether this is learning about our community, getting feedback and peer support from others, or having fun doing activities together to build a sense of community and belonging, we try to create a safe environment where people in this intersection can come together.

Where: Dayle McIntosh Center: 501 North Brookhurst Street #102,
Anaheim, Ca 92801 & Google Meet

 **Contact us!**



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Deaf Community Nationwide Priorities



Efforts to Eliminate Barriers To Quality Care for Senior Citizens*

- Nursing homes, assisted living homes, rehab centers, caregivers at home, etc.
- Columbus Colony for Elderly Care
- ASL Registry Model

Source – National Association of the Deaf

Deaf Community Nationwide Priorities, cont.



Modernizing Two Separate Phone Numbers into One for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- FCC's Videophone Relay Services program is broken and public pressure to seek for a new technology that enables functional equivalence for communication as a human right to comply with ADA and better access to E911 services

Deaf Community Nationwide Priorities, cont.



Language Equality and Acquisition for the Deaf Kids (LEAD-K)

- Family Coaching/Deaf Mentoring
- ASL Resources Inclusion

Self - Evaluation and Consumer Reviews to Enhance the Quality of Interpreting

- ASL service agencies are to provide their contracted interpreters with a format of self-evaluation that promotes professional growth that advances their skills of interpreting.
- Implementing a platform that gives Deaf consumers the equitable access of local and nationwide reviews on ASL interpreters as individuals

Deaf Community Nationwide Priorities, cont.



Accessibility

- To enhance (and increase access to) Education
- To increase Employment opportunities
- Equal access to services and resources
- Increase the number of quality ASL Interpreters
- To expand the technologies that are more accessible

Deaf Community Nationwide Priorities, cont.



Ally

- Have more Hearing people as Deaf Community's ally

Contribution

- Provide financial support for such as Deaf Services Organization/Agencies and Community
- More Hearing Volunteers for the Deaf community

How Can I Avoid Tokenizing Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled and Deaf BIPOC?

Real-Life Scenarios

- Hiring a hearing interpreter/educator for the superintendent position at a Deaf school
- Volunteering without opportunities of promotions to paid positions
- Lack of sharing profits from cultural appropriation in the mainstream and communities
- Keynote speakers without considering a variety of communication needs to accommodate the audience

Contributions, Support, Inclusion and Consistency



- Annual donations to underfunded nonprofits of serving Deaf & Hard of Hearing operated by Deaf leaders
- Partnerships with Deaf education's bi-linguistic/bicultural programs, accessible housing and independent living services
- Advocating small Deaf-owned businesses
- Ongoing learning opportunities from resources created by Deaf BIPOC, LGBTQIA, DeafDisabled with objectives of real-change actions

“Tokenism is superficial; it is diversity without a commitment to inclusivity.” – Nicola Reiersen, Photographer

Resources

Gallaudet University (Only Deaf University in the world)

- Black Deaf Studies - <https://gallaudet.edu/center-black-deaf-studies/>

National Association of the Deaf

- Black Deaf Perspective Webinars - <https://www.nad.org/webinar-black-deaf-perspective/>

Deaf Queer Resource Center

- <https://www.instagram.com/deafqueer/?hl=en>

Council de Manos

- <https://www.councildemanos.org/>

Resources

Southern California Asian Deaf Association – SCADA

- <https://scadausa.org/>

Deaf Latinos y Familias Organization

- <https://deaflatinosyfamilias.org/>

Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (Nationwide)

- <https://www.deafrad.org/>

Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness (GLAD)

- <https://gladinc.org/>
- GLAD's sisters: Tri County GLAD (Serve Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo Counties) <https://tcglad.org/>

Resources



Center On Deafness Inland Empire (CODIE)

- <http://codie.org>

Orange County Deaf Equal Access Foundation (OCDEAF)

- <https://ocdeaf.org>

Deaf Community Services (Serve San Diego County)

- <https://deafcommunityservices.org/>

Dayle McIntosh Center (Deaf Services)

- <https://daylemc.org/>

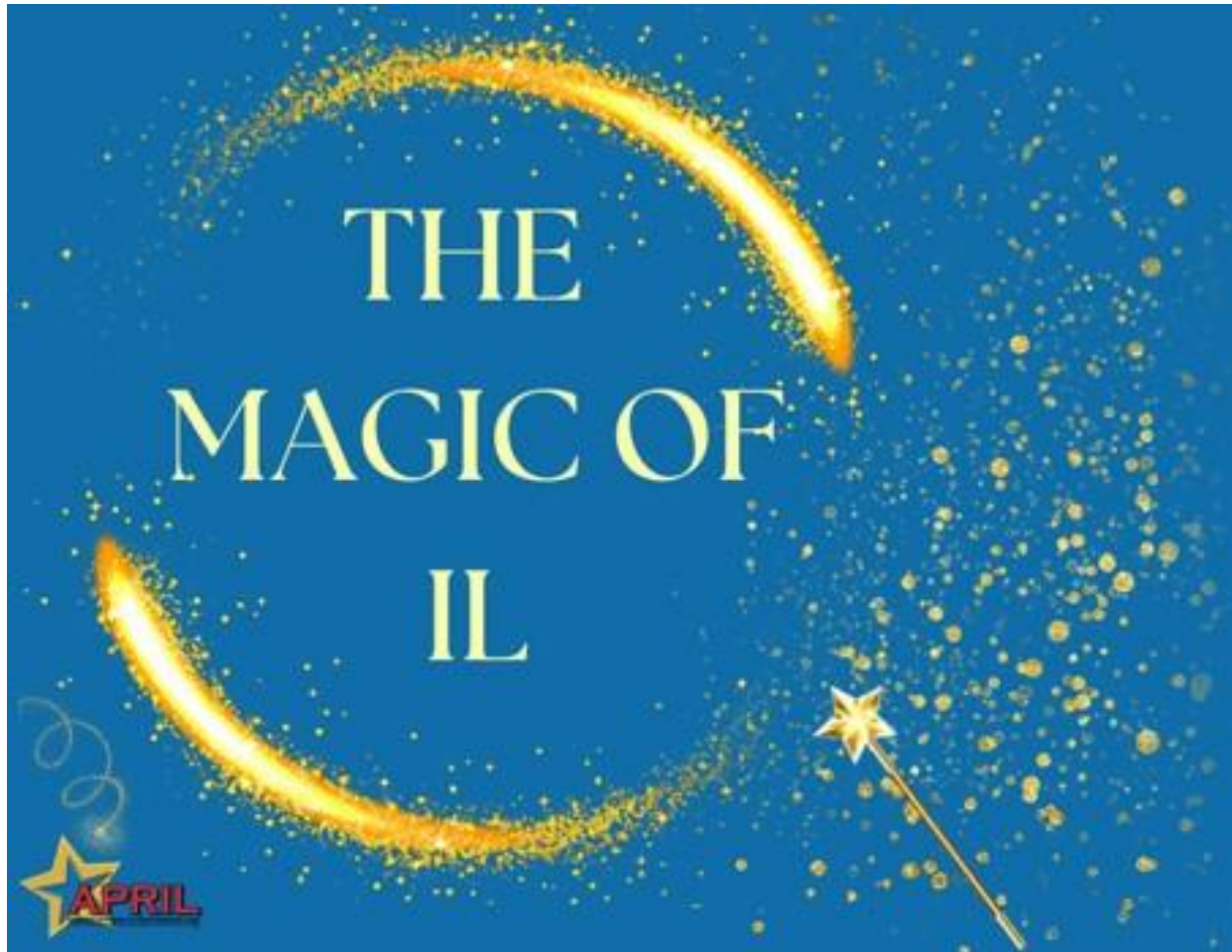
Southern California Association for the Deaf (SCAD)

- <https://www.scadeaf.org/>

Deaf Access Program (under Department of Social Services)

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/deaf-access>

Thank you for being here!



Authentic Outreach at the State Level

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Fireside Chat with Andy Arias

Discuss a time when you tried "authentic outreach" and had to pivot because you knew it wasn't working. What did you do?

Fireside Chat with Andy Arias, cont.

Outreach can be challenging.

How can you motivate your staff and communities to continue their outreach efforts, especially in diverse communities?

Evaluation

Your feedback is important to us! Please take the evaluation survey by [clicking here](#) or through the provided QR code.



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