Cultivating Legal Interpreters from Minority Backgrounds

The University of Northern Colorado, Department of American Sign Language & Interpreting Studies has been awarded an interpreter training grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Project CLIMB’s focus is on training interpreters of color and interpreters from heritage signing backgrounds (Deaf and Coda who grew up signing in the home) for work in the legal setting.

Project CLIMB is recruiting interpreters of color and interpreters from heritage signing backgrounds for the following:

- 25 interpreters with some experience in the legal setting to be trained as legal interpreter supervisors/mentors.
- 150 interpreters to be trained to work in legal settings.

Project CLIMB will...

- Bring together court staff, interpreter organizations, interpreters, and Deaf consumers, to investigate approaches to credentialing interpreters for work in legal settings.
- Provide mentorship and training opportunities to interpreters of color and interpreters from heritage signing backgrounds.
- Share the work of the project with the field of interpreter education.

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