

ROGER C. WILLIAMS

BIO



Mr. 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 B.S.W. from the Rochester Institute of Technology and his M.S.W., 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 also 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 2012 "Employee of the Year" for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, 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, a licensed foster parent and the spouse of a deaf adult, Mr. Williams is active in a number of local, state-wide, regional and national advocacy and social organizations, including the past President of the American Society for Deaf Children.