

VR 101: History, System & Process

Interpreter 1:

I think in this country we are entitled to, we have the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Part of that pursuit of happiness is the ability to determine what you are going to do in the world and how you are going to contribute to society. And part of that contribution is the kind of work that we do and in life. And so it's all self-determination. And the work that I do contributes to an individual's ability to secure those rights. That's a noble thing for me. And so it allows them to provide for their family, to have a home. And that's what kind of part of being a human being is and that's why I do it.

Interpreter 2:

It's been an interesting experience because I get to learn about job-seeking skills and how to present your self for a job. As well as going into different job training and so forth that I would never do in my lifetime because I don't like don't like computers or I don't like science. So I get to go into different realms and learn more stuff. And I tend to remember what I interpret for the most part. So I'll get that knowledge put in the back of my head for later. And I'll be like "oh how did I learn that?". So the variety is really fun and the group I work with is cool, too.

Interpreter 3:

I just work with a great group of people, the variety and the challenge. Um, I think that one really important part for me is seeing deaf consumers coming in and maybe not having a lot of work experience. They get guidance from an RCD, a counselor for the deaf, who guides them in a way that leads them to school or to training or whatever or just even a job. Gets them out into the work environment. And it's empowering to see people go from a place of not knowing where they want to go in life to finding that place and following that path and becoming contributing members of society. We all want to do that and it's great to see folks get that guidance from the counselors I work with.

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