

# Behavioral Health Interpreter Training (BHIT)

## For Providers



### VIRTUAL TRAINING

#### Intensive Skill-Building Curriculum for Providers:

March 25-26, 2025  
8:30a-12:15 pm

- 2- Half-Days
- 7- hours total
- CEUs Provided

CE credits provided for this course are accepted toward national credentialing by the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCCAP) as well as many state licensing/certification bodies in addition and other helping professions.

*The BHIT was developed by the National Latino Behavioral Health Association (NLBHA).*

**Registration is limited to the first 35 registrants.**

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#### Behavioral Health Interpreter Training (BHIT)

Effective communication and conveying information in a manner that is easily understood by Limited English Proficient (LEP) clients in behavioral health settings is critical. The number of LEP clients far exceeds the number of bilingual, bi-cultural behavioral health professionals.

Properly trained mono-lingual providers who use interpreters can fill a critical role in improving the quality of care to clients whose first language is not English, ensuring accurate and complete communication to minimize risk and maximize appropriate care.

**\*\*This program is funded by the Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health Services through the voter-approved Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). *If you wish to attend and need to arrange for an interpreter or reasonable accommodation, please contact Ajna Glisic one week before the event at [GlisicA@saccounty.gov](mailto:GlisicA@saccounty.gov)***

#### Training of Providers

This intensive 2-day, 7-hour, workshop offers practitioners practical information on how to maximize ways to best use interpreters by exploring communication variables such as language, culture, verbal and non-verbal communication, and low and high-context communication. This training creates a structure for participants to understand the complex roles of the behavioral health interpreter.

#### Who should attend this training?

Direct service staff, clinicians, administrative support staff, community members, contractors, consumers, case managers, and others.

#### Presenter



**Enrique López-Escalera, JCL., STL., MSW** was born in El Paso, Texas, and raised in Cd. Juarez, Mexico. Since the age of nine, he has resided in New Mexico, except for a few years living abroad pursuing higher education. He deeply identifies with the Borderlands. Enrique is fully bilingual and bi-cultural. Enrique is a life coach. He has post-graduate degrees in Social Work, Canon Law, and Theology. He has 25+ years of experience serving people directly through counseling and mentoring in mental and behavioral health. He has a minor in philosophy which serves as the foundation for his presentations on ethics. His delivery method is characterized by professionalism, warmth, and simplicity – communicating important concepts in easy-to-understand terms. Enrique is certified in Mental Health First Aid by the National Council of Mental Well-Being and as a professional life coach by Transformation Academy.