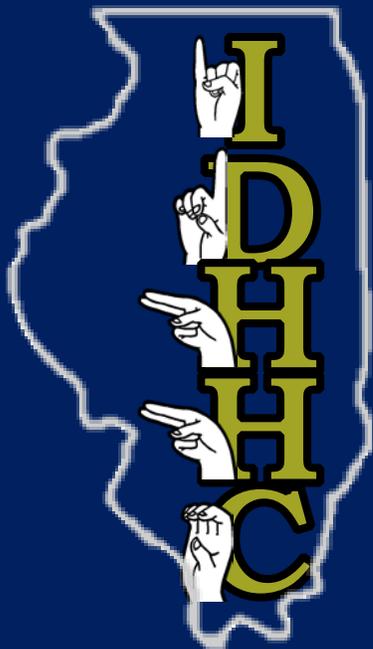


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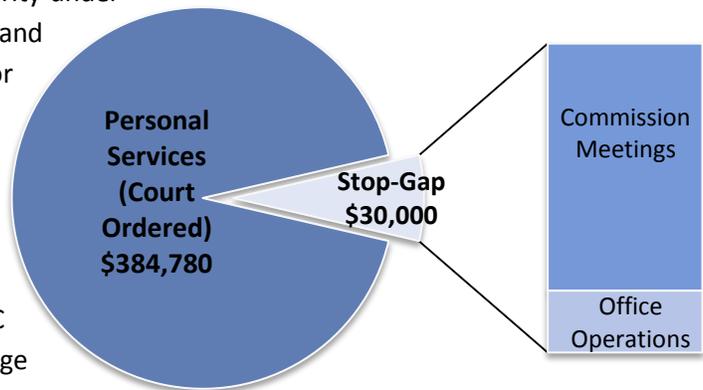
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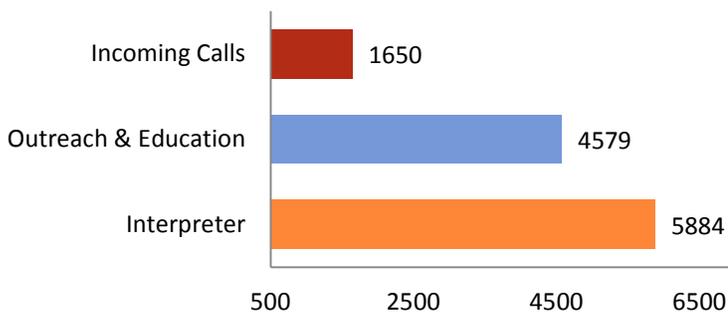
## FISCAL EXPENDITURES

Due to the budget impasse, IDHHC did not receive a full appropriation for Fiscal Year 2016. As a result, IDHHC along with other agencies, were only allowed to process payment for court ordered expenditures. For IDHHC, this consisted only of personal services for the agency's existing staff.

On June 30, 2016, IDHHC received appropriation authority under P.A. 099-0524 for \$30,000 to cover ordinary and contingent expenses, not including personal services, for Fiscal Year 2016 and through December 31, 2016, of Fiscal Year 2017. This has been generally referred to as the "Stop-Gap Budget." On the last day of the Fiscal Year, IDHHC received appropriation authority of \$200,000 from the Interpreter for the Deaf Fund. However, due to lateness of the appropriation, IDHHC was not able to plan and host its annual sign language interpreter conference during Fiscal Year 2016.



## PUBLIC INQUIRES



## Staff

**John Miller**, Director • **Janet Lambert**, Assistant Director • **Patty Greene**, Personnel Manager  
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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

IDHHC new website has improved navigation, usability and accessibility features. New features include streamlined navigation, a rotating announcement, and accessibility features for font size and contrast color adjustments. Additionally, IDHHC has added a legislative page with resources on finding a bill, contacting your legislators and the bills IDHHC is currently monitoring. The IDHHC Interpreter Directory has also been revised and includes a search by name feature.

In collaboration with the AIM Center for Independent Living and Illinois Secretary of State, IDHHC developed a new resource to assist Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals and law enforcement in communicating during a traffic stop. The communication card is available on IDHHC's website and has been distributed throughout the State.

## EVALUATION & MONITORING OF OUTSIDE PROGRAMS

IDHHC coordinated the Support Service Provider (SSP) Task Force which concluded its meetings in May 2016. The Task Force provided three final recommendations:

- Establish an Illinois Statewide SSP program for DeafBlind;
- Develop a voluntary Support Service Provider registry; and
- Increase its collaboration with the existing stakeholders to improve the availability of resources for outreach and training.

IDHHC worked closely with Governor Rauner's Office and the Department of Human Services – Division of Rehabilitation Services in the recruitment and interview process for an Illinois School for the Deaf Superintendent. IDHHC will continue its partnership once a new Superintendent is hired to assist in evaluating the ISD environment.

## TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

IDHHC participated in "Health Care: Communication Access" webinar funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Disability and Health Program and included multiple presenters in the health and communication field. IDHHC's presentation focused on "An Overview: Providing Effective Communication for Deaf Patients."

IDHHC's Interpreter Conference: "The Classroom & the Community – Interpreting at Its Best" provided interpreters the opportunity to earn up to 13.5 continuing education hours. The Conference had a total of 9 workshops including the nationally recognized presenter Nigel Howard. This conference was made possible by a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.

IDHHC continues its annual training for Elderly Service Officers with the Attorney General's Officer, Southern Illinois University medical students, and support for Deaf Self Advocacy Training.

## FY 17 Initiatives

- Increase awareness & training opportunities to increase the availability of Support Service Providers (SSP) for the DeafBlind.
- Identify partnerships to decrease communication barriers for those receiving services through the Early Intervention system.
- Establish a quarterly workgroup of state agencies with designated deaf services coordinators to improve accessibility for people with hearing loss.
- Develop new resources in collaboration with the Illinois State Board of Education related to educational interpreters in the K-12 setting.

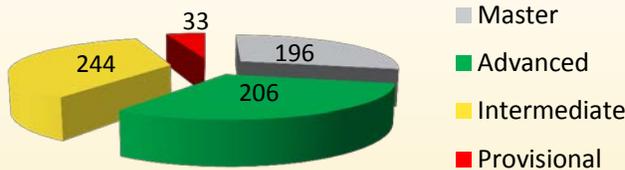
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## Licensed Interpreters

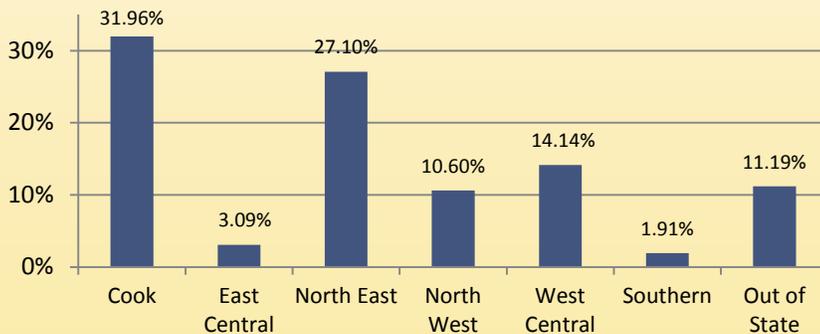
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2016	45	548	24

## Licensed Interpreters by Proficiency Level



## Licensed Interpreters by Region



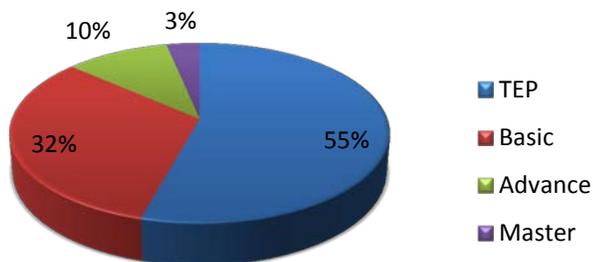
## Illinois Board of Interpreters

Laura Braucht, Jacksonville  
 Lisa Caringer, Herrin  
 William Lee, Chicago  
 Deborah Sampson, Glenview  
 Susan Sanders, Peoria  
 Laura Thompson, Aurora  
 Shelley Williams, Champaign

## Interpreter Training Programs

Columbia College, Chicago  
 Illinois Central College, East Peoria  
 John A. Logan College, Carterville  
 MacMurray College, Jacksonville  
 Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills  
 Quincy University, Quincy  
 Richland Community College, Decatur  
 Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville  
 St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, Missouri  
 Waubensee Community College, Aurora  
 William Rainey Harper College, Palatine

## BEI Applications - 243



## BEI Testing Results

