

**Northern Virginia Community College**

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**VDOE Educational Interpreter Training Grant provided by Marla Pollack**

**Presents**



**“Please let me catch this FINGERSPELLED word!”**

**-Said every interpreter ever**

**Presented by Wink Smith Jr**

**When:** Saturday May 15, 2021

**Where:** Virtual workshop via Zoom

**Registration:** <https://vrid.wildapricot.org/event-4285452>

**Location:** A link will be sent you once you register, contact POC if you do not receive it

**Time:** 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**CEUs: 0.4 CEUs**

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**Registration:**

If you are a grant participant or student you will be asked to obtain a code from me to register at no cost: [mspollack@fcps.edu](mailto:mspollack@fcps.edu)

Registration due: may 15, 2021

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**This Professional Studies program is offered for 0.4 CEUs”**

**"If you require a reasonable accommodation for this event, please contact Marla Pollack or Paula Debes Reece by May 15, 2021**

**Description:**

When a Deaf consumer raises their hand to fingerspell an interpreter does have resources at their disposal to help understand what is being spelled. In this workshop we will cover the linguistic literature on the formation of fingerspelling and the common techniques that Deaf people employ in their fingerspelling. This will help the interpreter identify the word being spelled or help them determine the possible options.

**Presenter: Wink Smith Jr**

Wink, MA, MBA, NIC Master, enjoys researching and creating various workshops that focus on skill building through deliberate practice, which he wrote about in the RID Views, Winter 2012 issue. Presenting workshops the last ten years at national conferences (NAD, RID, Silent Weekend) regional conferences (RID I, II, III, IV, V), state conferences, and local workshops across the nation has given Wink experiences to enhance applications for interpreters of all levels. Wink is widely noted for the comfortable atmosphere he creates and the passion he exudes. Currently Wink travels full time performing, presenting workshops, and managing Winkshop, Inc, through which he has developed a dozen training DVDs. A fun fact: in 2016 alone, Wink traveled professionally enough miles to circle the earth over three times.