



2nd Annual TAHIT Symposium on Language Access

Join us on **April 25 & 26, 2008** in Dallas/Fort Worth, TX for the Second Annual Symposium on Language Access.

This event is the largest of its kind in Texas. The TAHIT Symposium is designed for the various stakeholders in health-care language access.

With a **two-track program** featuring sessions for both healthcare providers and translator/interpreters, the TAHIT Symposium is the largest educational event in Texas supporting equal access to health care for everyone.

This year's **Provider Track** will feature presentations on topics such as Title VI compliance, Joint Commission language access standards, and how to better utilize existing resources.



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The **Translator/Interpreter Track** will feature an interactive session on ethics and self-care as well as more technical presentations filled with new vocabulary.

Please join us in Dallas/Fort Worth for this momentous event.

For more information:
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"You did a fantastic job of pulling people together and beginning a dialogue about some VERY important issues!"

*Erika Galvez
The Joint Commission*

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About TAHIT

The Texas Association of Healthcare Interpreters and Translators was formed to address the inconsistency in qualifications for professional interpreters in the state of Texas. TAHIT is working to achieve standard qualifications for the healthcare interpreter to ensure accurate transmission of vital medical information and provision of excellent healthcare to all, regardless of their ability to speak English. The Texas Association of Healthcare Interpreters and Translators is currently

working with Representative Eddie Rodriguez who will sponsor a bill to institute an advisory group to begin establishing the groundwork for a certification program in the State of Texas.



About the First Symposium

The first TAHIT Symposium on Language Access was held on August 24 and 25, 2007, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. The 144 participants came from Massachusetts, Oregon, Illinois, and all over Texas. They included interpreters, staff and administrators from major hospitals in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin, as well as translation and interpreting agencies. By all accounts, the first Symposium was a success. Here are some of the highlights.

The event kicked off Friday with tours of M.D. Anderson and Texas Children's Hospital, followed by a reception, all of which were well-attended. The networking was great!

The following day was filled with plenary sessions featuring Legislative Updates, an Open Forum on Certification of Healthcare Interpreters, a Cultural Forum on Healthcare Beliefs and Practices, and the Standards of Practice for Health Care Interpreters.

Concurrent sessions were divided into two tracks: one for providers and administrators, and the other for interpreters and translators. Presentations for Administrators included a Forum on Models of Service Delivery, The Development of M.D. Anderson's International

Department, JCAHO Standards and How to Prepare for a JCAHO Survey. Presentations for Interpreters and Translators included an Update in Pediatrics by John Cochran, M.D. from the Department of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics at LBJ Hospital, a lively presentation on Professional Boundaries in Health Care, and a session on Congenital Heart Defects.

The Open Forum on Certification of Healthcare Interpreters involved discussion about the following statements:

- I think we are ready for national certification now
- I think national certification at this time will answer concerns about the quality of healthcare
- I think national certification will eliminate a lot of good practicing interpreters.



"Everything was extremely well organized and the entire event was a huge success. Hats off to everyone who made possible this great event!"

*Edgardo García
Children's Medical Center of
Dallas*

There was also discussion of the following questions:

- What are the conditions that need to be in place for national certification to be credible and successful?
- What are the potential benefits and pitfalls of national certification? Who might it potentially help? How?
- Who might it potentially harm? How?

Results from this focus group will be tabulated with results from other focus groups around the country to be considered by the Standards, Training and Certification Committee of the National Council on Interpreting in Health Care. Come find out what's new this year.

Agenda

Friday, April 25

8:00— 9:00	Registration/Check-In
9:00—9:45	Welcome Plenary
10:15—11:15	National Council on Interpreting in Health Care
11:15—12:45	Networking Lunch
12:45—2:15	Educational Sessions
2:45 —4:15	Educational Sessions
5:30—7:30	Networking Reception



Saturday, April 26

8:00—9:00	Continental Breakfast
9:00—10:30	Educational Sessions
11:00—12:30	Educational Sessions
12:30— 2:00	Networking Lunch
2:00— 3:30	Educational Sessions
4:00—5:00	Closing Session



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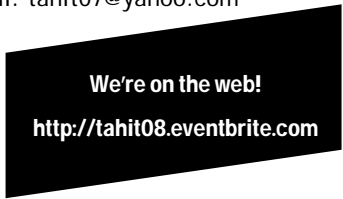
Registration **\$150.00** (after April 1)

Current TAHIT members receive a \$25 discount off of registration fees!!
Registration Fees include continental breakfast, lunch (both days) and the reception.
Please contact us at tahit07@yahoo.com for any special needs.

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