



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: March 6, 2024

To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Directors of Special Education, Administrators of Programs for Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Educational Staff for Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Services

Register by: April 8, 2024

## Intimate Partner Violence in the Deaf Community

Ali Matheson, Deaf Services Program Manager for the Deaf Services Program at the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County, will be conducting a virtual presentation on how Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) might look different in the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community, and how to address this in schools. The Deaf Power and Control wheel will be explained, including the impact of language deprivation. Safety planning examples and ways of engaging in violence prevention for the Deaf community will also be discussed. Statistics show that IPV impacts the Deaf community two-to-three times more in comparison to the hearing population.

This virtual presentation will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Registration

Participants are encouraged to register via the NJDOE's [Calendar of Events](#) as soon as possible, prior to the April 8, 2024 deadline.

### Contact Information

For further information or questions, please email [dhh.education@doe.nj.gov](mailto:dhh.education@doe.nj.gov).

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