

MEET OUR TEAM

John Moore

Executive Director of the World Federation of the Deaf and longtime advocate for Deaf rights, accessibility, and equitable behavioral health services.

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Program Director of Deaf Behavioral Health Collaborative with over 45 years of experience in Deaf services, education, and advocacy.

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Associate Director for the Mental Health and Recovery Board for Licking and Knox Counties with expertise in behavioral health systems, social work, and substance use treatment.

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Licensed Clinical Psychologist with over 25 years of experience specializing in Deaf and hard-of-hearing mental health services, training, and consultation.

Kara Bull, BA, NIC

Nationally certified sign language interpreter and Lead Staff Interpreter for the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities with specialized experience in mental health interpreting.

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Nationally certified ASL interpreter specializing in mental health interpreting, interpreter education, and professional training.

About the Deaf Behavioral Health Collaborative

The mission of the Deaf Behavioral Health Collaborative of Ohio is to improve behavioral health services for Deaf individuals through training, consultation, and education that support communication access, clinical competency, and culturally responsive care across healthcare, crisis response, and community systems.



Deaf Behavioral Health Collaborative

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Behavioral Health**



Who We Serve

DBHC provides training and consultation for:

- **Mental health clinicians**
- **Hospitals and healthcare systems**
- **Crisis response teams**
- **Mobile crisis providers**
- **988 personnel**
- **Schools and universities**
- **Interpreters**
- **Social workers and counselors**
- **Community behavioral health agencies**



What DBHC Provides

Professional Training

DBHC offers specialized trainings designed to improve behavioral health services for Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals across a variety of clinical and community settings.

Consultation

We provide consultation regarding communication access, Deaf culture, interpreter collaboration, and behavioral health best practices.

Community Education

DBHC promotes awareness and education related to Deaf mental health, accessibility, and culturally affirmative care.

Resource Development

We develop educational materials, outreach resources, and clinical tools to support providers and organizations statewide.

Current Training Programs

Foundations Training (Part 1)

Introduction to Deaf culture, communication access, interpreter collaboration, and barriers to care.

Clinical Applications (Part 2)

Advanced clinical considerations involving assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning.

Crisis & 988 Training

Training for crisis responders and behavioral health crisis systems.

Mobile Crisis & MRSS

Communication and intervention strategies for mobile response teams.

Hospital & Emergency Department Training

Behavioral health access considerations within healthcare settings.

SANE/SART Training

Trauma-informed considerations when working with Deaf survivors.

Interpreter Community of Practice

Professional development opportunities for interpreters working in behavioral health settings.

