

Promoting Independent Living For Those With Disabilities Since 1971

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TO: All Media

FROM: Michelle Martin, Public Information Office

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TOPIC: How to Communicate with People with Disabilities

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The mission of the League of Human Dignity is "to actively promote the full integration of individuals with disabilities into society." We hope you will help us fulfill this goal by printing or airing the following public service announcements—or producing a story on this topic. If you need additional information or would like to interview our staff about independent living or accessibility issues, please contact the Director of the League office nearest you or Michelle in the Public Information Office in Lincoln. Thank you!

(:15) WHEN YOU MEET SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY, DO YOU KNOW IT IS PROPER ETIQUETTE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THAT PERSON AND NOT TO THEIR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER OR COMPANION? LEARN MORE COMMUNICATION TIPS BY CALLING THE LEAGUE OF HUMAN DIGNITY NEAREST YOU.

(:20) WHEN YOU MEET SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY, DO YOU KNOW IT IS PROPER ETIQUETTE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THAT PERSON AND NOT TO THEIR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER OR COMPANION? LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO RESPECTFULLY COMMUNICATE WITH A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY BY CALLING THE LEAGUE OF HUMAN DIGNITY NEAREST YOU.

(:30) WHEN YOU MEET SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY, DO YOU KNOW IT IS PROPER ETIQUETTE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THAT PERSON AND NOT TO THEIR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER OR COMPANION? OR IF YOU OFFER ASSISTANCE TO SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU WAIT FOR THE OFFER TO BE ACCEPTED AND THEN LISTEN TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE OF HUMAN DIGNITY—PROMOTING INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES SINCE 1971.