

# **AT&T Foundation supports training on working with deaf people in Austin**

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AT&T Foundation supports training on working with deaf people in Austin The AT&T Foundation is sponsoring employer outreach programs across the United States with a \$50,000 grant to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). A series of workshops will be held in Austin, Texas, February 25-27. The programs will provide opportunities for employers and teachers to learn how to work better with their deaf employees and students.

AT&T's grant enables NTID's Center on Employment (NCE) to present Working Together: Deaf and Hearing People--as well as another employer program called Train the Trainer--in three cities each year over the next two years. The first series of workshops took place in Portland, Oregon, December 9-11, 1996, and will also be held in Western New York in May 1997.

Working Together, which is designed for human resource professionals, supervisors, and co-workers of deaf employees, addresses workplace issues that surround the hiring and supervising of employees who are deaf and offers strategies for integrating deaf employees in the workplace. A modified version of Working Together will be presented to school personnel who work with deaf students. Train the Trainer prepares in-house trainers and other appropriate personnel to present the Working Together program.

Attendance at the AT&T-sponsored training programs is free to interested participants who register in advance. To register, contact Lorie Fidurko, (716) 475-6834 (voice/TTY), (716) 475-5623 (FAX), DXF3106@rit.edu (E-mail).

AT&T has supported NTID's employment efforts for many years. The Foundation is committed to improving the communities where the company's employees live and work, and supports programs in education, health and human services, and arts and culture.