

## **ABSTRACT**

This final paper is focused on the recent situation of providing interpretation services for the deaf in Czech Republic. It discusses the development of interpretation services in Czech Republic from seventies of the twentieth century until the present time. In this paper also various approaches to interpretation for the deaf are included as well as the role of interpreter and legislation norms associated with interpretation. It also describes functioning of interpretation organizations providing interpretation services. It also mentions the historical turbulences and milestones in the development of interpretation services that have had a considerable impact on the deaf community and that particularly have been directly connected to the sign language legislation and to the changes of the sign language interpreter's Code of Ethics.

The data provided by the Czech Chamber of Sign Language Interpreters (Komora) have been the base for practical part of this final paper. This data have been collected within the research done by the Komora team since October until December 2010. The autor of this final paper was member of this research team as well. The author of this final paper practical part provides a preview of current situation of sign language interpretation in Czech Republic seen from the perspective of the Czech deaf people who have been clients and users of the above mentioned services.

### **Key words:**

Interpretation services, the deaf, service provider, districts of Czech Republic.

