Hi, I'm Kylie, I'm gonna go over Purple VRI today.

What is Purple VRI? It's a Video Remote Interpreting application that allows communication between deaf or hard of hearing clients and service providers.

How it works is that the person who has hearing, talks to the deaf or hard of hearing person while the Video Interpreter signs what's being said. The interpretation continues throughout the meeting to ensure that there's seamless conversation.

The benefits of using Purple VRI is that it works with internet or WiFi. It's compatible with computers and webcams as well as tablets that have cameras, we use tablets here at our center and they work really well.

Accounts and agreements are super easy to set up and super easy to access, it's available 24/7, all of the interpreters are certified with American Sign Language, the pricing is per minute, it's ADA and HIPPA compliant and the technical support is also included. And all you need to get set up is Internet or WiFi, a computer or a webcam, and then a Purple VRI agreement and account so it's really easy.

How you use it is the best thing to do is to find a quiet, private location just so you're not picking up any background noise. You stand or sit beside or close to the video screen and then you open the application and it's going to look like the very first picture there on the left and you can enter in the username and password for your region or agency, a lot of times if you click the Remember Me and somebody's used it before you, you do not have to log in again and it will just look like the second picture.

From there you can just click Start Interpreter Session, and it takes about 30 seconds to connect with somebody, and then at the very top right over here you can see that there's an interpreter on the screen that's kind of what you're screen will look like. Then you just introduce yourself and the individual to the interpreter kind of explain a little bit about the topic that you're going to discuss and you can go ahead and start from there.

Some tips when using Purple VRI, make sure that the device you are using is plugged in or charged fully, you don't want to lose it during the middle of it because your device was not fully charged. The interpreter might start signing right away to the client to make sure they're a good match and that they speak similar sign language because there is different types of sign language. The interpreter may ask you to move around or adjust equipment and that's okay, that just is for the best between you and the client.

The interpreter will greet you when the session begins, there may be a delay between what you speak and the translation and the interpreter will let you know if you need to slow down that does happen a lot. The hearing individual should be near the microphone, and the deaf or hard of hearing individual should be in front of the camera so they can see what's being interpreted.

And I think the most important thing to remember is that you are talking to the deaf or hard of hearing individual not to the interpreter so make sure that you look and speak to the deaf or hard of hearing individual. Those are the tips and tricks I have for using Purple VRI if you have any questions please let us know.