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Summary and Skills

Talented Interpretation Services Manager with over 25 years of experience. RID National Certification – CI & CT obtained in 1999. Qualified Mental Health Interpreter and Certified Healthcare Interpreter. Specialization in the application of Demand Control Schema as an ethical framework in supervision leadership with the Institute for Reflection-in-Action & Supervision and Adjunct Professor with the Rochester Institute of Technology. In-depth education and expertise in business administration, fiscal management, remote staffing, public speaking, professional leadership, meeting/conference facilitation, and crisis intervention. Meets ADA, ACA, HIPAA Compliance, TJC and CMS Standards.

Experience

Adjunct Professor – American Sign Language Interpreter Education Program | 2021 - Present
Rochester Institute of Technology – Rochester, NY

Director, Language Access Services & Medical Interpreter | 2019-Present
Wellstar Health Systems – Marietta, GA

Director of Strategic Initiatives & ASL Interpreter | 2018
Interpretek – Rochester, NY

Director of ASL Services & Medical Interpreter | 2011–2017
InDemand Interpreting – Seattle, WA

Operations Manager & ASL Interpreter | 2009-2011
Sign Language Access – Clearwater, FL

Operations Manager | 2009
Heal inc Telecom – New York City, NY

Video Relay Interpreter | 2007 – 2009
Sorenson – Salt Lake City, UT & Rocklin, CA

Instructor – Childbirth Education Program | 2002 – 2007
Northside Hospital – Atlanta, GA

Consultant, Instructor, Founder | 2000 – 2004
Little Signers, Inc – Atlanta, GA

Interpreter, Owner | 1995 – Present
The Interpreting Connection, LLC – Atlanta, GA

Program Director, Consumer Advocate | 1991 – 1995
The ARC – Baltimore, MD & Boston, MA

Crisis Intervention Specialist | 1987 – 1990
The Big Bend – Tallahassee, FL

Education & Certifications

Rochester Institute of Technology – Rochester, NY
Master of Science in Healthcare Interpreting | 2019

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf – Rockville, MD
Certificate of Interpretation | 1999
Certificate of Transliteration | 1999

Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters – Washington, DC
Core Certificate Healthcare Interpreting (CoreCHI) | 2016

Rochester Institute of Technology – Rochester, NY
Certificate Healthcare Interpreting (CHI) | 2014

Alabama Department of Mental Health – Montgomery, AL
Mental Health Interpreter Training (MHIT) | 2011 & 2019
Qualified Mental Health Interpreter Internship (QMHI) | 2019

The BiCultural Center – Silver Spring, MD
American Sign Language and Interpreter Education | 1992

Florida State University – Tallahassee, FL
Bachelor of Science, Psychology | 1989

Professional Affiliations

- Treasurer – National Council on Interpreting in Health Care | 2022 - Present
- Supervision Leader – Interpreting Institute for Reflection in Action and Supervision (IIRAS) | 2020 - Present
- Peer Leader/Navigator – Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE) | 2017 - Present
- President & Treasurer – Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf | 2016 – 2021
- Vice President/President – Board of Directors Dor Tamid Congregation | 2006 - 2009
- Treasurer – Women’s American ORT – North Fulton Chapter | 2000 - 2003
- President – Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf | 1995 - 1999
- Treasurer – Potomac Chapter Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf | 1993 - 1995
- Member – Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf | 1992 – Present

References

Provided upon request