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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Gallaudet University, Masters of Art in Sign Language Education (MASLED) 2020

Gallaudet University, Bachelor of Art in Social Work (BSW) 2009

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) 2022

Provisional Deaf Interpreter Credential (PDIC) 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

LEAD ASL TEACHER

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

THE HOWARD SCHOOL

- ❖ Teaches ASL classes
- ❖ Provides feedback and students' insights on Learning Profiles
- ❖ Develops exams, lesson plans, activities, and Learning Profiles

MENTOR

SEPTEMBER 2020 - PRESENT

ASL INTERPRETING SERVICES INC - E2E/M2E MENTORING PROGRAM

- ❖ Teaches ASL Level 1-3 & Interpreting classes
- ❖ Provides language perspectives and signing feedback and model
- ❖ Develops PowerPoints, Digital Presentation, and Signing Videos

ADJUNCT

JANUARY 2021 - PRESENT

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY - ASL/SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER PROGRAM

- ❖ Teaches ASL 1-3 classes with the Signing Naturally & Interpreting classes
- ❖ Provides language perspectives and signing feedback and model
- ❖ Develops PowerPoints, Digital Presentation, and Signing Videos

ADJUNCT

JANUARY 2021 - MAY 2021

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY - BA IN ASL PROGRAM

- ❖ Taught Discourse Features in ASL
- ❖ Provided language perspectives and resources
- ❖ Corresponded the guest speakers

MENTOR

FEBRUARY 2021 - MAY 2021

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE - ASL-ENGLISH INTERPRETER PROGRAM

- ❖ Mentored and shared the perspectives with interpreter students

- ❖ Provided mock interpreting scenarios and feedback
- ❖ Advised and educated about Code Professional Conduct

MENTOR FEBRUARY 2021 - MAY 2021
 GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY - BA IN INTERPRETATION PROGRAM

- ❖ Mentored and shared the perspectives with interpreter students
- ❖ Provided mock interpreting scenarios and feedback
- ❖ Advised and educated about Code of Professional Conduct

FOSTER PARENT JUNE 2021 - DECEMBER 2021
 NECCO FOSTER SERVICES/ DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

- ❖ Teaches a child the Independent Living Skills
- ❖ Guides a child to be responsible and how to communicate his/her needs and wants
- ❖ Provides Communicative Skills, including expressions and receptions

DEAF INTERPRETER MARCH 2021 - PRESENT
 SEEING WHITE PROJECT

- ❖ Interpret the transcripts
- ❖ Consult ASL perspectives
- ❖ Participate in the online staff meetings

CO-FACILITATOR JANUARY 2021 - MAY 2021
 CATIE CENTER - GRADUATION TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- ❖ Monitored participants' progress, attendance, and assignments
- ❖ Developed the digital videos of announcements
- ❖ Consulted with co-facilitator or students regarding their concerns

PEER COACH MAY 2020 - AUGUST 2020
 GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY - PEER COACHING PROGRAM

- ❖ Guided Graduate students to prepare their internship, schedules, and program
- ❖ Advised and provided Graduate students about their academic plans
- ❖ Mentored Graduate students about their experiences

ASL MENTOR MAY 2020 - MAY 2021
 CATIE CENTER - GRADUATION TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- ❖ Provided the ASL skill activities

- ❖ Consulted an intensive feedback
- ❖ Assessed the mentees Signing Skills

TEACHER

DEC 2020 - MAY 2021

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

- ❖ Taught ASL faculty and administrative assistants with ASL At Work
- ❖ Provided ASL activities
- ❖ Provided live feedback and modeled ASL

DEAF INTERPRETER

SEPTEMBER 2019 - PRESENT

PURPLE COMMUNICATION-ATLANTA

- ❖ Participates in valuable pieces of training and workshops.
- ❖ Provides relevant multiple training and workshops.
- ❖ Assists a teamed interpreter as needed.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

OCTOBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2021

NATIONAL BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES

- ❖ Presides the meetings with eight states chapters at a conference and online.
- ❖ Oversees the financial reports, guidelines, and any changes within the national chapter.
- ❖ Connects the members and non-members to the active chapters and recourses.

PRESIDENT

JANUARY 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2018

ATLANTA BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES

- ❖ Created the events and sponsorships to get the Deaf community involved.
- ❖ Maintained critical information and sharing with the members.
- ❖ Collaborated with the Deaf communities, Deaf leaders, signing leaders, and allies.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER

SEPTEMBER 2017 - MARCH 2020

ATLANTA AREA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

- ❖ Customizes learning experiences for each individual with unique learning characteristics.
- ❖ Develops an American Sign Language curriculum and its objectives.
- ❖ Leads the members of AASD and non-AASD communities to their short and long-term goals.

DEAF INTERPRETER

JAN 2017 - PRESENT

LATN LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS

- ❖ Interprets the rendered messages to the consumers and interpreters.
- ❖ Leads the hearing interpreter and Deaf Interpreter team.

- ❖ Communicates with the interpreting agency when an issue has occurred.

DEAF MENTOR

JUNE 2016 - MAY 2019

GEORGIA PARENTS PARENT INFANT NETWORK FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

- ❖ Teaches families how to communicate using American Sign Language.
- ❖ Educates families about Deaf Culture and its language.
- ❖ Assesses and identifies children's language development.

DEAF INTERPRETER

APRIL 2016 - PRESENT

INTERPRETEK-ATLANTA

- ❖ Attends and participates in a variety of relevant training.
- ❖ Works with a teamed interpreter(s) and consumers.
- ❖ Provides feedback to the teamed interpreter(s) and agencies.

VICE PRESIDENT

OCTOBER 2015 - DECEMBER 2017

ATLANTA BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES

- ❖ Trained the assigned members to understand their roles and responsibilities.
- ❖ Educated the members about the bylaws and organizational operations.
- ❖ Coordinated the events, budgets, sponsorship arrangements, and committees.

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

SEPTEMBER 2015 - JULY 2022

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- ❖ Prepares reports based on communication assessment results.
- ❖ Contributes to the organization's success by assisting individuals and service providers.
- ❖ Maintains a consistent, high-quality, customer-focused orientation.

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

AUGUST 2013 - AUGUST 2015

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

- ❖ Provided the specialized services of a communication assessment and language facilitation.
- ❖ Provided advisory services on sign language and alternative communication issues.
- ❖ Provided some interpreting in conjunction with mental health interpreters.

VICE PRESIDENT

OCTOBER 2013 - SEPTEMBER 2017

ALABAMA BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES

- ❖ Oversaw the programs and services to ensure that they were facilitative.
- ❖ Operated the programs and services when the selected person was absent.
- ❖ Brainstormed the ideas to bring the Deaf community to get gathered.

PRESIDENT

AUGUST 2012-JULY 2013

SOUTH CAROLINA BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES

- ❖ Scheduled and presided the numerous meetings and committee meetings
- ❖ Built numerous relationships with community resources and Deaf communities.
- ❖ Wrote sponsorship letters to get sponsored for fundraising events and causes.

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST II FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2011 - MAY 2013

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

- ❖ Provided and led treatment groups and documented the clients' progress.
- ❖ Wrote weekly summary notes, weekly progress notes, and goals for clients.
- ❖ Developed and scheduled monthly and weekly treatment groups.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

PAHRTHNERS DEAF SERVICES

AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2010

- ❖ Supervised the staff, clients, and progress notes.
- ❖ Attended management meetings and treatment meetings.
- ❖ Communicated with staff, co-workers, and supervisors.

INTENSIVE CASE MANAGER

JUNE 2009 - JULY 2010

PAHRTHNERS DEAF SERVICES

- ❖ Advocated for and assisted with gaining access to public and private services.
- ❖ Taught clients' family members how to communicate with sign language.
- ❖ Assisted Deaf/ASL resources for clients to enhance their communication.

PRESENTATIONS

SELECTED:

Kinson, V., (2019, August) Ethnic & Culturally Diversity in Deaf Community. National Black Deaf Advocates, NBDA Conference, Oakland, California.

Kinson, V. & Carters, J., (2016, February) What is different between President's and Vice President's roles and responsibilities. Atlanta Black Deaf Advocates, ABDA Symposium, Decatur, GA.

Kinson, V (2021, March) Black American Sign Language, What's That? ASL Diagnostic Services, LLC. SC-ASLTA Workshop Zoom Meeting, Atlanta, GA

PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATIONS

Kinson, V., (2019, June) *Behavioral Health Interpreting: Trauma-Informed Approach* webshop. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, June) *Specialized Interpreting: Mental Health*. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, May) *Specialized Interpreting: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, April) *Introduction to Deaf/Hearing Team in Behavioral Health Interpreting webshop*. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, February) *Specialized Interpreting: Addiction and Recovery*. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, January) *Introduction to Mental Health Interpreting*. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- ❖ Gallaudet University Dr. Nathie L. Marbury Award 2021
- ❖ GA Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Courage Award 2016
- ❖ Atlanta Black Deaf Advocates Outstanding Vice President 2015-2017
- ❖ AL Office of Deaf Service In Appreciation 2015
- ❖ Southeast Regional Institute on Deafness Outstanding D/HH Individual Award 2015
- ❖ Council of Organizations Serving Deaf Alabamians Leadership Award 2015
- ❖ AL Black Deaf Advocates Outstanding Vice President 2013-2015
- ❖ National Association of the Deaf Golden Hand Award 2013
- ❖ S. Carolina Black Deaf Advocates Outstanding Leader 2013