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## ACADEMIC CREDENTIAL

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

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

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Provisional Deaf Interpreter Credential (PDIC) 2019

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE 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 - PRESENT

NATIONAL BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES

- ❖ Presides the meetings with eight states chapters at a conference and online.
- ❖ Oversees the financial reports, guideline, 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 with the critical information and sharing with the members.
- ❖ Collaborated with the Deaf communities, Deaf leaders, signing leaders, and allies.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER SEPTEMBER 2017 - PRESENT

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.

FREELANCE 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 - PRESENT  
GEORGIA PARENTS PARENT INFANT NETWORK FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

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

FREELANCE DEAF INTERPRETER APRIL 2016 - PRESENT  
INTERPRETEK-ATLANTA

- ❖ Attends and participates the 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 - PRESENT  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- ❖ Prepares reports based on communication assessment results.
- ❖ Contributes to organization's success by assisting individuals, 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 a 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 the sponsorship letters to get sponsored for the 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 the 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 the 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 resources to the clients' to enhance their communication.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Powell, F. (2019, March). Semantic clusters, developing a powerful vocabulary; *GaRID Membership Appreciate Day*, Clarkston, GA. April 13, 2019.
- ❖ Shird, C. (2019, April). Awareness is powerful. *Tennessee RID Conference*, Knoxville, TN. 4/26/201

## 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.

## ASL VIDEO TRANSLATION

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

- ❖ 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