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OBJECTIVE

Provide outstanding services which further the understanding, appreciation, and professional integrity in Deaf Education, American Sign Language, Interpreting and Advocacy.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION August 2024

University of Idaho

Moscow, ID

BACHELOR OF SCIENCES, EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETING May 2011

Idaho State University

Pocatello, ID

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCES, SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES August 2009

Idaho State University

Pocatello, ID

BACHELOR OF ARTS, HUMANITIES December 2005

Emphasis in Music and Human Development

Washington State University, Pullman, WA

EXPERIENCE

Bloom Advocacy, LLC June 2023 to present

Business Owner and Consultant

-Provide advocacy support to families raising children who are Deaf/HH, teach ASL classes, educational support with understanding the ADA and IDEA, and consulting services as an ASL independently contracted interpreter

West Ada School District May 2021 - June 2023

American Sign Language Teacher - Owyhee High School

-Alternative Authorization teaching certificate – Specialist, World Languages with ASL

-Instruct ASL I, II and III courses using the Master ASL! And Signing Naturally curriculum



-Adjunct instructor with Boise State University for ASL 101/102 and ASL 201/202 courses (concurrent enrollment program)

Boise State University

American Sign Language - Adjunct Professor

-ASL 101/102 and ASL 201/202

Aug. 2021 - June 2023

Aug. 2013 - Aug. 2017

Jetstream Aviation, Inc.

General Manager

-Flight school scheduler/in-take specialist, FAA testing center coordinator,
Director of Flight Coordination and charter lead, FAA Drug/Alcohol reporter

Aug. 2017 - March 2021

West Ada School District

EIPA Qualified Educational Interpreter

-Ed. K-12 Sign Language Interpreter

-Ed K-12 Substitute Interpreter/Independent Contractor (2013-14)

Aug. 2013 - Aug. 2017

Boise School District

EIPA Qualified Educational Interpreter

-Ed K-12 Sign Language Interpreter (2012-13)

-Substitute/Independent Contractor (2013-14)

Aug. 2012 - Aug 2014

Idaho State University

Visiting Clinical Professor

Signing Seminar, Field Observation, Basic Sign I, Basic Sign II

Aug. 2012 - May 2013

Idaho State University

Disability Services

-Interpreter

-Educational Interpreting degree required internship

-Typist/transcriber for students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Student Success Center

-Content Area Tutor for Communication Sciences and Music courses

April 2011 - July 2012

Jan. - April 2011

Dec 2009 - July 2012

Aug. 2009 - July 2012

Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind

State of Idaho

Parent/Family Liaison

-Coordinate family services with children with hearing loss throughout
state of Idaho

-Support advocacy organizations and Treasure Valley resources

Nov. 2007 - July 2009

PUBLICATIONS



The Odyssey Gallaudet University publication Spring 2013
"Educational Interpreters: Meeting the Communication Needs of Children with Cochlear Implants"

CERTIFICATIONS/ASSESSMENTS

- Idaho Sign Language Interpreter License - SIGNP-5975 August 2023
- Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment - written exam December 2023
- Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment April 2013

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Medical Interpreter Immersion Training December 2016
Idaho State University CEU 27 hours
- EISS– Deliberate Practice CEU 15 hours June 2016
- Short Term Advancement Training (STAT) Oct. to Nov. 2014
-Sorenson Communications
-Meridian, ID/VRSII

LEADERSHIP

- Bridgepoint Church – Sign Language Interpreter, Lead March 2022 to present
- Idaho Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf June 2012 to 2017
-Vice President board member (2012-14)
-Hospitality Committee member
- Idaho State University March 2010, 2011, 2012
-Guest Lecturer Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Idaho State University 20th Anniversary and Workshops April 2011 -
Presenter/panelist representing as a parent of a child with hearing loss and as a student in the ISU Educational Interpreting program
- Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind Oct. 2010
-Family Weekend, Idaho Hands and Voices speaker/representative
- State Board of Education Advisory Council for Oct. 2008 to 2010
Deaf and Blind Education
- Idaho State University Deaf Education Task Force Sept. 2007
- Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Advisory Board Feb. 2008 to 2010
- Idaho Parents Unlimited, Parent Leadership Training Spring 2006
- Idaho Hands and Voices, National Conference rep. July 2006, July 2008, &
-Former President and board member June 2009
- Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Conference March 2007 & Feb. 2008
- Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind November 2006
-Parent Representative on Discussion Panel

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Bridgepoint Church Boise, ID - Interpreter, youth ministry and music
- Idaho Hands & Voices Chapter - Former Chapter President and parent/board member
- Idaho State Civic Symphony - flute/piccolo



COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient with all Microsoft Office products
Google Suite Applications
Blackboard, Canvas, and Schoology – eLearning
WIX and GoDaddy – website development

REFERENCES

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