**Objective:** To provide services for individuals with disabilities to live as independently as possible in the community.

**Experience:**

**1997-Present:** *Director of Programs & Services*, Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley

* Responsible for supervision of staff in the following programs: peer advocacy/counseling, benefits advisement, Consumer Directed Personal Care Assistant Services, systems advocacy, supported employment services, Money Follows the Person Nursing Home Identification and Outreach Project in our Troy and Hudson locations.
* Compiles and analyzes data for State funding source.
* Responsible for building and maintaining interagency relationships.
* Identifying community needs and expands or modifies existing programs to meet such needs.
* Conducts disability awareness training to community, including the Zone Five Law Enforcement Academy (NYS Troopers).
* Provides services and referral to Deaf consumers
* Leads fundraising committee for the agency

**1983-1997:** *Independent Living Skills Trainer,*Capital District Center for Independence/Troy Resource Center

* Worked directly with consumers to evaluate independent living skills
* Set goals for independent living, based on functional assessment
* Provided independent living skills counseling on communication, interpersonal interactions, socialization, mobility, transportation, pre-vocation and household maintenance.
* Provided individual and group cooking classes and money management.

**1983- Present**: Certified Sign Language Interpreter

**Education:**

**1978-1982:** Earned Bachelors in Science in Elementary/Special Education, SUNY Geneseo

**Certifications:**

* American Sign Language Interpreter, Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf, Inc.
* Zone Law Enforcement Academy Instructor