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Job Objective:

Presenter of disability sensitivity workshops to schools, corporations, and communities

Achievements:

- As a member of the taskforce for the city of Clifton, N.J., assessed the needs of citizens with disabilities and public perception of people with disabilities for direct service and educational purposes
- Presented disability sensitivity training seminars for managerial and sales personnel of shopping malls
- Conducted training sensitivity workshops for company employees
- Worked with employers to develop appropriate job accommodations and utilization of workspaces for workers with disabilities
- Spoke to school children on a regular basis about society's attitudes toward people with disabilities
- Extensive knowledge of Barrier-free Design Codes and Americans with Disabilities Act

Professional Accomplishment:

"The Second Type", a thirty minute documentary produced and directed by Bill Kern and narrated by Bill Cosby tells about the journey of five people with various disabilities living life to their fullest potential despite their obvious limitations

- Member of the cast and worked with the director during many phases of the film's production to its national television broadcast on PBS in June 1985
- Film was recipient of the Manhattan Borough President's Award in 1986

Technical Skills:

- Solid knowledge of IBM Compatible Computer Systems and the following programs:
- Dbase, Clipper, Lotus 1-2-3, Word Star, Word Perfect, Page Maker, Quicken
- Educated participants in how to access the electronic bulletin board
- Ability to customize programs to meet users' needs

Employment History:

Consultant Presenter,

DIAL, Inc., Clifton, NJ, 1993-present

AT&T, Parsippany, NJ, 1992

NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities, 1989-1992

Assistant System Operator, Disabilities Electronic Network, Hackensack, NJ, 1991-1992

Member of Needs Assessment Team, DIAL, Inc., Clifton, NJ, 1982-1983

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree in American Studies, Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ, 1980; Recipient of Student Activities Award, 1980

Organizations:

DIAL, Inc., Clifton, NJ, Founding and current Board member; served two terms as Vice President and Chairperson of the Personnel Committee

Heightened Independence and Progress (hip), a center for independent living in Bergen and Hudson Counties

Bergen County Regional Advocacy Network, a statewide grassroots advocacy organization sponsored by the NJ Developmental Disabilities Council