

Carol A. Young



Work Experience

Advocate

Hawaii Disability Rights Center
1132 Bishop St., Suite 2102
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
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Summary of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Advocate for persons clients of Vocational Rehabilitation through the Client Assistance Program
- Assist parents with the IEP and 504 process in schools
- Assist persons with disabilities with issues related to Social Security related to work and waivers/appeals
- Advocate for accessibility to services and programs for persons with disabilities

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Veterans Administration
459 Patterson Road, E-Wing
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
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Summary of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with Veterans with service connected disabilities
- Orient Veterans to Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment
- Evaluate employment handicaps and feasibility for employment or independent living
- Develop individual written rehabilitation plans and independent living plans with Veterans
- Counsel Veterans related to education, training and employment readiness
- Manage multiple data systems for reporting progress in national website

Employment Specialist

University of Hawaii at Manoa: College of Education, Center on Disability Studies
1776 University Av., UA4-6 Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
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Summary of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Worked with high school transition teachers, students with disabilities and families to coordinate the transition of students to community college
- Counsel students with intellectual disabilities from a variety of backgrounds on interests, abilities and career goals.
- Develop employment experience for students.
- Collaborated with Disabilities Services and Employment Services Offices at Honolulu Community College and Leeward Community College to create opportunities for students

Program Specialist

Hawaii Vocational Rehabilitation & Services for the Blind Division
600 Kapiolani Blvd. #301 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Summary of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Partnered with the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at the University of Hawaii (UHRCE) on federal grants for Master's Degree training for VR counseling staff and other students
- Chaired committee to develop Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the UH System for the provision of reasonable accommodations for UH System students with disabilities
- Developed and monitored an MOA with Kapiolani Community College to initiate planning, project design, budget estimates, staffing and operational costs for a comprehensive deaf center.
- Spearheaded and coordinated agency advisory group for deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind persons to improve the quality of services provided
- Developed and monitored contracts for American Sign Language Interpreter Referral and Independent Living Services for deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind persons. Incorporated consumer feedback into the evaluation process
- Identified staff training needs and coordinated training statewide. Worked with local and mainland educators and trainers to accomplish training goals
- Federal grant management for training grant and master's degree training. Assured state agency met federal standards for grant compliance
- Actively involved with legislative committees to improve services to deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind persons
- Coordinated program for professional staff to obtain master's degree training at the University of Hawaii and through mainland university online programs
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Education

- Western Oregon State University
Monmouth, Oregon
Rehabilitation Counseling with Persons who are Deaf; M.S., Education
- Loyola-Marymount University
Los Angeles, California
B.A., Liberal Studies

Other

- Co-Project Investigator, Successful Transitions in Diverse Environments Grant, 2005-2010
- Chair, State Council on Mental Health, 2009-2011
- Member, Special Education Advisory Council, 2009-2011
- Fluent in American Sign Language
- Aloha State Association of the Deaf: Public Servant of the Year Award, 2011
- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor #00009421
- Board Secretary, Georgia E. Morikawa (GEM) Center, 2015-present