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## OBJECTIVE

To bring Education and Awareness in the Health/Human Resources program about people with disabilities, their rights to Independency.

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## SUMMARY OF SKILLS

### **Organizational**

- Work in an organized structure setting, networking with staff, coordinate, plan and organize meetings, and good team player. Like Challenges, willing to learn, willing to teach, will go the extra mile to support the work that is needed for Maui County to include Molokai & Lana`i.
- Created and shared with our communities the needs, support, and education for individualized planning. Involved with other community organizations and agencies to create a network.
- Worked with the disabled for over 30 years is fluent in American Sign Language, some Japanese, knowledgeable about people with disabilities needs and accessibility.
- Familiar with Maui County communities such as Maui, Molokai, & Lana`i. Knows each community and is a great team player. Have connections in just about all communities.

### **Secretarial**

- Computer skills include: Microsoft word, Excel, Power point, typing, fax machine, video, camera.
- Skilled in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Documentation, Photos, email.
- Ability to type 70 words per minute.

### **Communication**

- Entertainer, Emcee, Event organizer/planner. Have traveled Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Hana and worked closely with each community. Know a lot of contacts and resources..Organized events from 3 people to 1,500 people for Lanai and Maui's community. Getting involved is the way I learned. Great communication skills worked with government people, county representatives, and community.
- Wrote articles for local newspaper, created flyers to promote activity/event, wrote letters of support, attended grant workshops and training. Enhanced skills from conferences, workshops, and traveled for the Visitors Bureau as an entertainer, sales & marketing.
- Recently learned about Video Conferencing. Used the TTY for many years to communicate with Deaf community and now the use of video phones. Able to communicate and talk with the various culture groups, living in Hawaii we live in a diverse community. Culturally sensitive and respectful. Many of my skills that I gained were grass roots and getting involved, volunteering and having the willingness to learn. Sign Language Interpreter for the Deaf, and speak some Japanese. Multi-task.

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## EDUCATION

*Lana`i High & Elem. School K-12 grade*

*High School Diploma*

*Attended Workshops such as: Phone etiquette, event planning, team work, organizational skills development, living with clutter.*

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**Employment: Hawaii Centers for Independent Living Neighbor Island Director -present****Related course work**

- Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center: Community Building Facilitator – 1997 -2003
- Castle & Cooke Resorts LLC.: Cultural Resource Manager – 2004 -2007
- Hawaii Centers for Independent Living – 2009 – present
- Sprint Captel Hawaii – 2011 – present (partime)
- Mastercare Homecare – 2014- Present ( fulltime)
- Computer skills workshop, Telephone Skills workshop, Sign Lang. Classes, Interpreters training workshop, CPR classes, Harassment training, drugs and alcohol, Benefits training, Housing & cultural workshops for Japanese, Filipino, Hawaiian, Tongans. Parent Project received certification. Trained Maui Police Dept. on Deaf Culture and working with Deaf Community, voices of Micronesia.
- My skills have taken me from Hawaiian Cultural Resources to Ho`opono Training by Kupuna Malia Craver.
- To Independent Living Specialists for persons with disabilities and the Elderly population. I have been with the disabled for over 25 years. My experience and training was by the individuals with disabilities.

**Awards & Community Volunteer**

- Outstanding Senior Girl – [REDACTED]
- Parent Project – Certified
- Aloha Festivals Royal Court Mo`I Wahine for Lana`i 2004-2005
- Office of Hawaiian Affair Council Member 2004 – 2007
- Native Hawaiian Education Council -1997 - 2003
- Maui County Cultural Resource Commissioner – 2004 –2010 completed
- Mental Health Association Maui – board member – past
- Aloha Festivals Island Manager – 4 years – Island Manager (Lana`i)
- Hui Malama Pono O Lana`i membership – 1997 – 2008
- Festivals of Aloha Chair/Maui/Lana`i – 2008 – present
- ADRC –Committee member with Maui County Office on Aging – present
- Na Hoaloha Neighbor Helping Neighbor Board - past
- Maui County 50<sup>th</sup> state event chair for Lana`i-2010
- ASL Internet Speed Sign Language Class Certificate – 2010
- Maui County Deaf & Hard of Hearing Club – present
- Maui Wheelers – (spinal/neurological injury) support group – present
- Maui Lions Club Volunteer – present
- Maui County Fair Healthy Baby Contest Judge – 2011 - present
- Hawaii Centers for Independent Living – Holomua Conference Attendance Certificate
- Maui County Cultural & Arts Commissioner – present ( New)
- Domestic Violence Workshop Attendee – Certificate received
- Four Seasons Resorts- Lana`i – Independent activities coordinator – 2008 – present
- Festivals of Aloha Isl. Mgr. Maui/Lana`i – 2008 to present
- Maui Nui Canoe Races – volunteer/assistant – Lana`i
- Maui County Cultural & Arts Commissioner – present

- Domestic Violence/Abuse – workshop – certificate of attendance
- Business on being Blind – workshop – certificate of attendance
- Interpreter Workshop – Judiciary System – certificate
- OHA Native Hawaiian Preservation Council- present
- Maui Wheelers Support Group
- Maui Deaf Friends
- National Federation for the Blind
- MILC – Maui Independent Living Center