

## EVALINA NOELANI WATANABE

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### EXPERIENCE | Staffing Coordinator – Mastercare Homecare & Healthcare

April. 2014 – Present

Office Assistant to Manager, Answer phones, job interviews/orientation, job application packets, assessments packets for new clients, filing, staff coordinating scheduling and pay roll. Marketing, outreach presentations to recruit new workers for field work, assist RN with tasks, I & R, and face to face with clients and families. Involved with assisting families with children and adults with disabilities navigating through the system and advocacy.

Independent Living Specialists – Hawaii Centers for Independent Living

2009 – 2013 – (Agency closed)

Office Manager/Programs Coordinator to include offices statewide. Intake process for new consumers, Outreach Education for families and communities, training new staff, network with First to Work Program, participated in community events, activities, workshops, trainings and meetings. Help Consumers to become leaders and start support groups. Created a one stop shot agency when individuals would be able to access Assistive Technology Devices that meet their needs. Services were for all people with disabilities and with a permanent disability there were no age limit. Provided Advocacy and Education Statewide on disability awareness and accessibility. 2 support groups Maui Wheelers and Deaf Support Groups.

Cultural Resource Manager – Castle & Cooke Resorts LLC – Lana'i

2004 – 2007 (Job eliminated due company plans to sell island)

Re-organize community museum, started Kupuna Advisory Council for museum, collect artifacts, articles, and help to get the diverse community to share their stories, photos, and collections to help restore and create a museum/ heritage center for preservation of Lana'i history. Involved to help re-organize community events: Pineapple Festivals, Aloha Festivals, and bringing to the resorts hands on activities of our diverse cultures, entertainment, and community education. Started off grass roots as changes were taking place on the island. Community Liaison, used my skills and talents to help pave the way. Event Coordinator.

Community Building Facilitator – Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center

1997 – 2003 (Office closed due to 9/11)  
Gathering of Hawaiian families on Lana`i, Working with Kupuna and families to help plan activities, programs, and events for Native Hawaiians. Community events included non-Hawaiians. Leadership programs for our youths with education, cultural history and a sense of belonging. Involved in Hawaiian Homelands events/meetings, Burial Councils, OHA preservation council, Native Indian Education Council. Support all community activities, meetings, events and programs. Traveling.

ASL/Interpreter – Maui Center for Independent Living

1990- 1996 (offered work on Lana`i.)  
Full time Interpreter for MCIL Coordinator/Manager.  
My duties as an Interpreter were: answering phones, meetings, outreach presentation, workshops, traveling, meeting families, help to organize office, consumers files, and also assist other staff with work. Coordinators full time support. This position gave me much educations and hands on training. Also understanding each type of disabilities and clients. Education, Housing, Transportations, Peer Counseling, Deaf Support, Blind Services, Assistive Technology, Interpreter Services.

**EDUCATION | LANAI HIGH & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – LANAI**  
High School Diploma

Interpreter Workshop – Judiciary System – Certificate  
Business on Being Blind Certificate  
Domestic Violence/Abuse Workshop Certificate  
Archeologists Assistant -Certificate  
Women of Excellence Award - 2016

**COMMUNICATION | GOOD COMMUNICATION AND TEAM PLAYER**

As a part time musician/singer I have strong people person skills. I am very culturally sensitive to all cultures, enjoy working with children to adults. I am also a good listener. My hands-on experience helped me to interact with others which communication was the key.

**LEADERSHIP | Maui Lanai Connection Chair – 5 years**

Cultural Resource Commission Lanai – 5 years  
OHA- Native Hawaiian Preservation Council Lanai – 3 yrs.  
Lanai Visitors Bureau – 3 years  
Lanai Pineapple Festivals Chair – 3yrs  
Aloha Festivals – Lanai – 3 yrs.  
Festivals of Aloha Lanai Isl. Mgr.– 2008 – Present  
Maui Deaf Friends – present  
Maui Wheelers - present