

Gail Wright

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Profile

I have been in the field of Deaf Education for 30 years. My experiences range from the self-contained setting, Itinerant setting as well as administration. I most recently completed my certification to become a Developmental Therapist- Hearing.

Experience

Teacher of the Deaf, Powers Center Special Education District of Lake County 1988 - 1993

Teacher of the Deaf: Students range from 3 years old - 8th grade in the self-contained program.
Related Arts Team Teacher at Hawthorn Junior High. Taught 7th & 8th graders sign language.

Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf in District 95 Lake Zurich: 1993 - 2004

As the Itinerant for Lake Zurich I had the responsibility of serving students in 14 buildings. It was at this time that I began presenting on topics relating to the Itinerant Teacher at conferences such as the Illinois Teachers for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals

Lead Teacher John Powers Center for the Hearing Impaired 2004 - 2007

Responsibilities included: teaching reading, implementing new programs, coordinating interpreter and aid schedules, scheduling and leading IEP meetings, coordinating building wide state testing and evaluating interpreters and aids.

Itinerant Teacher for the Deaf 2007 - Present

I have served in districts in Buffalo Grove, Lincolnshire, Vernon Hills and Mundelein. I have worked at Stevenson High School, Mundelein High School as well as Vernon Hills and Libertyville High Schools. My current assignment is to Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools, Hawthorn District 73 and Hawthorn District 76.

Education

Illinois State University BS. Education Deaf and Hard of Hearing 1988

National Louis University MEd. Curriculum and Instruction 1998

National Louis University CAS Educational Leadership 2003

Illinois State University Certificate in Early Childhood Listening and Spoken Language 2010

Skills

I have had a wide range of experiences teaching students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing from ages 0-18. I am able to adapt to their mode of communication be it oral or manual. Over the years I have also developed my skills as a presenter. I have presented topics ranging from how to be organized as an Itinerant to teaching advocacy skills to the mainstream student.

Other Accomplishments:

I have developed other materials to teach advocacy and auditory skills for the mainstreamed student. The materials include a workbook, 3 board games, a poster and a series of newsletters. They can be found at: www.tinyurl.com/gwrightgames

in 2014 I co-authored a guide with Dr. Karen Anderson. Building Skills for Independence in the Mainstream. The guide can be found at http://successforkidswithhearingloss.com/buildingskills_independence.

Conference Presenter:

Illinois Teachers for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Conference
Florida Educators for the Deaf
Voice Conference
Clarke Mainstream Conference
Support Success for Children Hearing Loss Conferences