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OBJECTIVE

To be a part of organizations that empower the independence and self-determination of people with disabilities.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Community Service Award, CCB 2022
- Disability Advisory Commission Advocacy Award, City of Fresno, 2021
- Community Leadership Academy, Resources for Independence Central Valley 2015
- Chapter of the Year, California Council of the Blind, 2016 and 2021
- JP Morgan Chase Leadership Fellow, 2017
- Project Athena Foundation, Athena, 2017

SKILLS

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| • Training and Development | • Usability and Accessibility |
| • Performance Tracking and Evaluations | • Public Speaking |
| • Administration and Reporting | • Person Centered Planning |
| • Time Management | • Youth Transition |
| • Project Coordination and Management | • Leadership |
| • Personnel Management | • Advocate |

WORK HISTORY

08/2021 to Current **Director of Programs**

Resources For Independence Central Valley – Fresno, CA

- Oversee Assistive Technology, Systems Change/Community Organizing, Community Outreach, Youth Empowerment Services, Distinct Grants, , Volunteers and Interns
- Creation, expansion, and sustainability of programs and services
- Process grant reports
- Organize advocacy efforts
- Database entry and management
- Develop and facilitate workshops and staff activities

- Maintain and develop community partnerships and relationships
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11/2019 to Current **CEO**

Crazy Blind Lady Consulting – Fresno, CA

- Website, digital material accessibility, and usability testing
- Website and digital material content review

07/2017 to Current **Board Member**

California Council Of The Blind, Statewide Org. – Sacramento, CA

- July 2017-June 2019: Board Member; Support CCB mission and initiatives, attend monthly meetings, oversee projects and funds and development, on the convention planning (chair), bylaws, resolutions (co-chair), and publications committees
- July 2019-June 2020: Second Vice-President
- July 2020- Present: First Vice-President

01/2017 to Current **President**

California Council Of The Blind Fresno Chapter – Fresno, CA

- Organize and chair monthly meetings for 30 chapter members
- Manage 3 officers
- Maintain relationships with City of Fresno officials and staff and local legislative representatives
- Fundraising
- Oversee and create chapter projects and initiatives

10/2017 to 08/2021 **Youth Empowerment Specialist**

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- Provide direct service for Youth with Disabilities ages 14-25
- Create and present workshops to High Schools and Adult Transition Programs
- Create and facilitate seasonal workshops including month long Summer Programs.
- Data entry/ service notes
- Collaborate with community partners
- Organize annual Self-Advocacy Conference
- Oversee Youth Peer Group
- Create and expand programming

06/2017 to 09/2017 **Assistive Technology Advocate**

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- AT training including; screen readers, iPhone accessibility, and other AT technology being offered
- Research on new technology and grant positions

09/2014 to 01/2017 **Board Member and Volunteer**
Valley Center For The Blind – Fresno, CA
Board Secretary:

- Fundraising
- Restructuring of board policies and procedures
- Procurement of new office building location
- Created and facilitated the Creative Recreation Program; included Health and Wellness, Recreational, and educational activities for people who are blind or have low vision

11/2018 to 08/2021 **Program Manager**
Resources For Independence Central Valley – Fresno, CA

EDUCATION

No Degree
Fresno City College - Fresno, CA

1998 **High School Diploma**
Fresno High School - Fresno, CA

AFFILIATIONS

July 2021-May 2022 Measure C Executive Committee
November 2020-Present Blind Advisory Committee
August 2016-Present: City of Fresno Disability Advisory Commission- Transportation Sub-Committee

- Consult on capital projects
- Attend bi-monthly meetings
- Consult on accessibility and usability of Fresno Area Express, fixed-route service and Handy Ride, para transit online materials
- Serve on appointed Ad HOC Committees

March 2019-May 2020: Voters Accessibility Advisory Committee (Chair)

- Worked with Elections staff to develop agendas
- Consulted on accessibility and usability of elections website and digital materials
- Assisted in organization of Voters Choice Act Educational Workshops