

***Curriculum Vita***  
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**Professional Preparation**

1995 Ph.D. Special Education, Research Minor, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS  
1980 M.Ed. Special Education (Diagnostic/Prescriptive), University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN  
1977 B.A. Elementary Education, History minor, Covenant College, Lookout Mt., TN

**Post-Graduate Studies**

**2014**

- Annual CEC Conference in Philadelphia, PA. General and breakout session attendance for 3 days; April 9 – 11, 2014.
- OSEP Annual Part D Project Director Conference in Washington, D.C. “Deaf-Blind Project Director Meeting”, general and breakout sessions for 2 days; July 20 – 21, 2014.
- MS APSE (Association for Persons in Supported Employment) Fall Conference in Raymond, MS. General sessions on state and national employment initiatives. September 11, 2014.

**2013**

- OSEP Annual Part D Project Director Conference in Washington, D.C. “Deaf-Blind Project Director Meeting”, general and breakout sessions for 2 days; July 13 – 15, 2013.
- Recover Breakthrough Series Collaborative by MS Department of Mental Health – Learning Sessions and Topical webinars; May 1, May 6, May 9, May 17, May 24, May 30 – 31, June 28, July 3, July 8, July 18, July 24 – 25, August 21, September 10, September 26, October 8, October 15, November 7, November 12, November 13, December 2, December 17, 2013.
- “Discovery and Profile Writing for Customized Employment and Community Calendar Planning” by Mike Callahan of Marc Gold and Associates (MG&A); August 19 – 20, September 16 – 17 and November 4 – 5, 2013.
- Annual Conference for TASH International in Chicago, IL. “Community Living” preconference & breakout session for 3 days; December 10 – 14, 2013.

**2012**

- “Discovery and Profile Writing for Customized Employment and Community Calendar Planning” by Mike Callahan of Marc Gold and Associates (MG&A); May 15 – 16, June 6 – 7, 2012.
- “Using Blackboard for Course Delivery” by USM Learning Enhancement Center; December 4, 2012.

**2011**

- OSEP Annual Part D Project Director Conference in Washington, D.C. “Deaf-Blind Project Director Meeting”, general and breakout sessions for 2 days; July, 2011.
- Annual Customized Employment Retreat in Ocean Springs, MS by Marc Gold & Associates; “Systems Supporting Quality Discovery and Profiling” – for “returnees”; October, 2011.

**2010**

- Annual MS Autism Conference; 2 days of general session on strategies; January 27 – 28, 2010.

- OSEP Annual Part D Project Director Conference in Washington, D.C. “Deaf-Blind Project Director Meeting”, general and breakout sessions for 4 days; July 18 – 21, 2010.
- Annual Customized Employment Retreat in Ocean Springs, MS by Marc Gold & Associates; “Mentoring Quality Discovery and Profiling” – for “returnees”; October 30 – November 3, 2010.
- Annual Arc National Conference in Orlando, FL; General and Breakout Sessions; November 3 – 4, 2010.
- Deaf-Blind Topical Sessions at Washington, D.C. Workshop; November 16 – 19, 2010.

**2009**

- Deaf-Blind Topical Sessions at Cincinnati, OH Workshop; May 12 – 13, 2009.
- Annual Association for Persons in Supported Employment (APSE) Conference - General and Breakout Sessions in Milwaukee, MN; June 30 – July 2, 2009.
- OSEP Annual Part D Project Director Conference in Washington, D.C. “Deaf-Blind Project Director Meeting”, general and breakout sessions for 2 days; July 19 – 20, 2009.
- Annual Customized Employment Retreat in Ocean Springs, MS by Marc Gold & Associates; “Defining Quality Discovery and Profiling” - for “first-timers”; October 31 – November 4, 2009.

**2008**

- *Teaching Verbal Behavior to Children with Autism and Related Disabilities*; 3 day workshop; Vincent J. Carbone, Ed.D.; Philadelphia, MS; January 14 – 16, 2008.
- *Customized Employment Training Series* (#11 one hour and a half hour Webinar events) by Marc Gold and Associates; January 28, February 8, February 22, March 7, April 4, April 18, May 22, May 16, May 30, June 13, June 27, 2008.
- *Use of Intervenors with Students with Deaf-blindness*, 1 day workshop, Linda Alsop of Ski-Hi Institute of Utah State University; Jackson, MS; February 9, 2009.
- *MS Alternate Assessment Implementation Training*; 1 day workshop; by MDE staff; Hattiesburg, MS; February 26, 2008.
- *Sensory Strategies to Improve Children’s Learning & Behavior*; 1 day workshop; by Carol Kranowitz, MA and Paula Aquilla, OT; Jackson, MS; February 27, 2008.
- *Student Chapter Development*; 3 hour workshop; CEC Staff; National CEC Conference in Boston, MA; April 4, 2008.
- OSEP Annual Part D Funded Project Director’s Meeting; Washington, D.C.; July 21 – 23, 2008
- NCDB Annual Deaf-Blind Project Director’s Meeting; Washington, D.C.; July 24, 2008
- *Reinventing Quality Annual Conference*: multiple breakout sessions related to state level systems change for downsizing institutions and building capacity for community services; Baltimore, MD; August 11 – 12, 2008.

**2007**

- USM TK20 Training; Hattiesburg, MS; March 21, 2007 & June 28, 2007
- *Using the Outcome Performance Indicators and the Classroom Observation Instrument as Outcome Measures*, MS Site Visit from National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) provider (Dr. Ella Taylor); Hattiesburg, MS; March 22, 2007
- Mississippi Industries for Individual with Disabilities: Annual Workshop; Canton, MS; April 13, 2007
- USM Web-CT Training; Hattiesburg, MS; May 8, 2007
- *Child Find and Functional Assessment; Transition Outcomes; Setting a Research Agenda*, NCDB Topical Workshop, San Antonio, TX; May 14 – 15, 2007
- Annual Mississippi Recreation Inclusion Conference; Hattiesburg, MS; June 21 – 22, 2007
- OSEP Annual Part D Funded Project Director’s Meeting; Washington, D.C.; July 16 – 18, 2007
- NCDB Annual Deaf-Blind Project Director’s Meeting; Washington, D.C.; July 19, 2007

**2006**

- *Outcome Reporting Using Data Base Format*, NTAC Workshop, Nashville, TN; January 23-24, 2006
- Annual Mississippi Recreation Inclusion Conference; Choctaw, MS; July 6 - 7, 2006
- OSEP Annual Part D Funded Project Director's Meeting; Washington, D.C.; July 31 – August 2, 2006
- NTAC Annual Deaf-Blind Project Director's Meeting; Washington, D.C.; August 3, 2006
- Mississippi Industries for Individual with Disabilities: Annual Conference; Tunica, MS; August 17 – 18, 2006
- USM IVN Training; Hattiesburg, MS; August 22, 2006
- *Using the OPI and COI Outcome Measures*, NTAC Webinar and MS Site Visit from NTAC Technical Assistance provider (Dr. Ella Taylor); Hattiesburg, MS; September 6, 2006 and September 26, 2006.
- USM Web-CT Training; Hattiesburg, MS; October 24 & 25, 2006

**2005**

- *National Collaboration* NTAC Area 3 Workshop, Portland Oregon; April 25, 2005
- *Nationally Consistent Methodology for Functional Vision and Hearing Assessment* NTAC Topical Workshop, Portland, Oregon; April 26 – 27, 2005
- Annual Mississippi Recreation Inclusion Conference; Jackson, MS; June 9 – 10, 2005
- OSEP Annual Part D Funded Project Director's Meeting; Washington, D.C.; July 26 – 27, 2005
- NTAC Annual Deaf-Blind Project Director's Meeting, Washington, D.C.; October 14 – 15, 2005

**1988 - 2004**

- Graduate course on Severe Disabilities, USM, 2004
- Graduate of the 2003 State Executive Development Institute at the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University
- Five-day Workshops on Deaf-Blindness, Sponsored by Helen Keller Institute National Center, 2001-2002
- Boston College, Graduate course in Deaf-Blindness, Sponsored by Perkins School for the Blind, July 2000
- 3 Two-Day Workshops Sponsored by National Technical Assistance Consortium, 1999-2000: Topics included Alternative Assessment and Students Who Are Deaf-Blind, Effective Technical Assistance Strategies, Aligning Technical Assistant with Other State Initiatives, Participation of Students Who Are Deaf-Blind in the General Education Curriculum
- Special Education Post-masters course work (9 hours), Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, 1988-1989

## **Professional Experiences**

### **2014 – present**

University of Southern Mississippi (USM), Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education

- Research Associate Professor of Special Education  
Instructor  
SPE 478 (Direct Support Professional Portfolio), SPE 641 (Transition to Adult Life), SPE 792 (Independent Study)  
Director of Grant Projects:
  - (A) Administrative Director for MS Vision-Hearing Project (US-Department of Education Funded), 2013 – present
  - (B) Providing Awareness and Implementation Assistance in Recovery Practices and Person-centered Transition to Community Life (MS Department of Mental Health Funded), 2012 – present.
  - (C) *Bridge to Independence* – Mississippi’s Money Following the Person CMS Initiative (Medicaid Funded), 2011 - present

### 1999 – 2014

University of Southern Mississippi (USM), Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education

- Associate Professor of Special Education 2005 – 2014
  - Instructor SPE 121 (Introduction to Field of Disabilities), SPE 442 (High School Curriculum and Strategies), SPE 451 (Classroom Management), SPE 478 (Direct Support Professional Portfolio), SPE 641 (Transition to Adult Life), SPE 645 (Teaching Severe Disabilities), SPE 792 (Independent Study)
  - Oversight of course syllabus development and instructional implementation of Non-licensure Special Education program courses taught by one year instructor and adjunct faculty member. SPE 420, SPE 421, SPE 422
  - Oversight of course syllabus development and instructional implementation of SPE 121, taught by one year instructor.
  - Recruitment at all training events and workshops and conference presentations, especially to non-licensure special education and masters in behavior disorders and masters in severe disabilities.
- Director of Grant Projects:
  - (A) Administrative Director for MS Deaf-Blind Project (US-Department of Education Funded), 1999 - present
  - (B) Providing Awareness and Implementation Assistance in Recovery Practices and Person-centered Transition to Community Life (MS Department of Mental Health Funded), 2012 – present.
  - (C) *Bridge to Independence* – Mississippi’s Money Following the Person CMS Initiative (Medicaid Funded), 2011 – present
  - (D) Training in Curriculum Mapping for Severe Disabilities (Pass Christian Schools Funded), 2010 - 2011
  - (E) Arc of MS Meaningful Daze Project (Arc of MS Funded), 2010 - 2012
  - (F) Employment Strategies Training (Arc of MS Funded), 2010
  - (G) MS Disability Long Term Support System Redesign Recommendations (MS Protection and Advocacy Funded), 2009
  - (H) Low Incidence Personnel Preparation Grant (US-Department of Education Funded), 2003

– 2009

- (I) Person-Centered Planning Initiative (1999 – 2003), Planning for Transition to Quality Community Life (2003 – 2006), Vision Impairment Training (2003 – 2006), Domino Effect Project (2006 – 2009), Customized Employment Pilot at Hudspeth Regional Center (2010 – 2011), Tools for Transition (2010 – 2011) (MS-Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities Funded)
- (J) Real Choice Systems Change CMS Grant (US-Department of Human Services), 2002 - 2005
- Adjunct faculty, graduate status: SPE 641 – Transition from School to Adult Services for Individuals with Disabilities, 1996 – 2005

1995 – 1999

Mississippi’s Center of Excellence (formerly the University Affiliated Programs-UAP) at (USM)

- (A) Mississippi Home of Your Own Project Co-coordinator;
- (B) Community Services Training Initiative: Self-determination Project Coordinator;
- (C) Transition Consultant / Inservice Teacher Trainer: Mississippi State Department of Education: Office of Special Education;
- (D) Preservice Training Coordinator;
- (E) Faculty, Courses offered across 14 departments: Special Topics on Disability (478/578): (1) Section 02: Independent Living, (2) Section 04: Community-based Practicum, (3) Section 05: Independent Study on Aging Issues;
- (F) Project TRIAD (Aging Training Initiative), Grant Coordinator;
- (G) Project *Passing the Baton* (Transition), Grant Coordinator;
- (H) Project PASSPORT (Research), Grant Coordinator;
- (I) Adjunct faculty, Interdepartmental course (478/578): Interagency Transition Programming for Adolescents with Disabilities

1994 – 1995

Department of Student Services, Hattiesburg Public Schools, Project UNITE (Department of Rehabilitation: Supported Employment connection to School Systems), Grant Coordinator;  
(USM) Supervision of Student Teachers (SPE 481), Supervision of Practicum Students (SPE 342);  
(USM) Instructor of SPE 402: Introduction to Special Education Teaching Methods;  
(USM)(UAP) Consultant for Project ADAPT: Job development for personal care assistants trained to support persons with disabilities

1993 – 1994

(USM) Department of Special Education, Instructor of SPE 440: Introduction to Mental Retardation Doctoral Teaching Assistantship;  
(USM)(UAP) Doctoral Research Assistant

1993 – 1989

Hattiesburg Public Schools, Self Contained/Community-Based Teacher

1987-1989

Aurora Public Schools, IL - Special Education Resource Teacher, Special Education Diagnostic Team Leader

1987

Peoria Public Schools, IL - Self Contained Fifth Grade Special Education Teacher

1981 - 1983

Korea Christian Academy, Taejon, Korea – (A) Special Education Consultant assessing the needs in a private school for foreign students, (B) High School French Language Teacher, and (C) Dormitory supervisor for boarding students; two students with mental retardation

1981

Chattanooga Christian School, Chattanooga, TN - Kindergarten Teacher

1977 - 1979

Walker County Schools, GA, Fortune Grammar School - Learning Disabilities Diagnostician and Resource Teacher (K-6)

### **Selected Publications**

McDowell, L., LeJeune, B.J., & Escue, C. (2014). VI Questions and Answers - MS Department of Education Document. Precursor for statewide VI policy and procedure document.

McDowell, L. (2014). Bridge to Independence Navigator Training Module. Step by step process, forms, and outcome measuring for transitioning individual from facilities to community living supports.

McDowell, L. (2013). Transition to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. Training module for systems change from “clinical” to recovery-oriented service delivery.

Weeks, D. & McDowell, L. (2013). Child Voice International: Procedural Manual. Program Development and Staff Training Manual for 18 month residential rehabilitation program for former child soldiers who are also child mothers in northern Uganda.

McDowell, L. (2012). Person-Directed Transitioning to Community Life. Training module for individualized transition planning from ID/DD facilities to community life.

McDowell, L. (2011). Meaningful Daze: Family Tool for Transition. Manual for transition planning and self-determination skill development.

McDowell, L. (2011). Care, Believe and Try. Training manual with process and tools for curriculum mapping and transition planning for severe disabilities.

McDowell, L., Ross, M. & Callahan, M. (2010). Customized Employment: Tools to Systematically Coach/Mentor Initial Implementation. Checklists for using MG&A Customized Employment process and materials.

McDowell, L. (2010). Transition from School to Adult Life. Training Module – Updated.

McDowell, L. & Burck, L. (2009). Vision for Mississippi System Redesign: Action Areas and Implementation Steps. Report Submitted to MS Protection and Advocacy: Disability Rights Mississippi.

McDowell, L. & DeCoux, V. (2008). Support Services for Individuals with Disabilities Living in the Community. Chapter in Community Nursing Textbook (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition).

DeCoux, V. & McDowell, L. (2001). Support Services for Individuals with Disabilities Living in the Community. Chapter in Community Nursing textbook.

McDowell, L. (2001). (1) Person-Centered Planning, (2) Transition from School to Adult Services. Training modules for teacher training and adult service staff training.

McDowell, L. (2000). Key to Transition: Self-determination. MS Deaf-Blind Project Focus Flier.

Callahan, M., McDowell, L., & Batson, N. (1998) Louisiana support provider response to movement of individuals from Pinecrest residential facility to community employment. Report submitted to the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.

McDowell, L. (1997). Community Human Resource Manual (15 Mississippi counties), Student Portfolio/Transition Manual, Transition Planning Procedural Manual, Scope and Sequence of Transition

Skills, Interagency Transition Council Procedures, Job Marketing and Analysis. Manuals developed for special education teacher training.

McDowell, L. (1996). Establishing and maintaining a model transition program, focusing on interagency collaboration, with limited personnel and financial involvement. Proceedings of the American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES): 16th Annual National Conference.

Glausier, S. & McDowell, L. (1995). Recreation and leisure activity preferences: Choice of activity type and fellow participants among rural adolescents with mental retardation. Proceedings of the American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES): 15th Annual National Conference, 121-221.

McDowell, L. (1994). Transition tasks should fit the future ... now. MS-CEC Newsletter, Spring

### Grant Reports

McDowell, L. (2014). Annual Report to OSEP for Mississippi Hearing-Vision Project, OSEP Part D Funded Grant.

McDowell, L. (2013). Final Report to OSEP for 2008 – 2013 MS Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project, OSEP Funded Grant.

McDowell, L. (2012). Final Report to Arc National for *Meaningful Daze Project* (Development and Implementation, and Outcomes.)

McDowell, L. (2012). Annual Report to OSEP for Mississippi Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project, OSEP Funded Grant.

Emerson, J., Bishop, J., Hollingsworth, T., & McDowell, L. (2011). Report to National Center for Technology on *Seeing the Possibilities* Funded Project.

McDowell, L. (2011). Annual Report to Arc National for *Meaningful Daze Project* (Development and Implementation, and Outcomes.)

McDowell, L. (2011) Quarterly Reports for MS Dept. of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Grant – *Customized Employment Pilot at Hudspeth Regional Center.*

McDowell, L. (2011) Quarterly Reports for MS Dept. of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Grant – *Tools for Transition.*

McDowell, L. (2011) Annual Report to OSEP for Mississippi Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project, OSEP Funded Grant.

McDowell, L. (2010). Annual Report to OSEP for Mississippi Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project, OSEP Funded Grant.

McDowell, L. (2009). Quarterly Reports for MS Dept of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Grant – *Domino Effect Project (USM): Breaking Down the Barriers to Regional Technical Assistance for Multiple Developmental Disabilities, including Deaf-Blindness, by Efficient Use of Distally Educated Graduates of the USM Masters Program in Severe Disabilities with the Emphasis in Dual Sensory Impairment.*

McDowell, L. (2009). Annual Report to OSEP for Mississippi Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project, OSEP Funded Grant.

McDowell, L. (2009) Final Report to OSEP for Low Incidence Personnel Preparation Grant. Masters in Dual Sensory Impairment (University of Southern Mississippi collaboration with Texas Tech University and out of state practical experiences.)

McDowell, L. (2008). Quarterly Reports for MS Dept of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Grant – *Domino Effect Project (USM): Breaking Down the Barriers to Regional Technical Assistance for Multiple Developmental Disabilities, including Deaf-Blindness, by Efficient Use of Distally Educated Graduates of the USM Masters Program in Severe Disabilities with the Emphasis in Dual Sensory Impairment*

McDowell, L. (2008). Final Report for Mississippi Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project Grant submitted to OSEP.

McDowell, L. (2008). Annual Report to OSEP for Low Incidence Personnel Preparation Grant. Masters in Dual Sensory Impairment (University of Southern Mississippi collaboration with Texas Tech University and out of state practical experiences.)

McDowell, L. (2007). Quarterly Reports for MS Dept of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Grant – *Domino Effect Project (USM): Breaking Down the Barriers to Regional Technical Assistance for Multiple Developmental Disabilities, including Deaf-Blindness, by Efficient Use of Distally Educated Graduates of the USM Masters Program in Severe Disabilities with the Emphasis in Dual Sensory Impairment*

McDowell, L. (2007). Annual Report to OSEP for Mississippi Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project, OSEP Funded Grant.

McDowell, L. (2007). Annual Report to OSEP for Low Incidence Personnel Preparation Grant. Masters in Dual Sensory Impairment (University of Southern Mississippi collaboration with Texas Tech University and out of state practical experiences.)

McDowell, L. (2006). Final and Semi-Annual CMS Real Choice Systems Change Project Reports – *Person-Centered Planning with Individuals with Serious Mental Illness*.

McDowell, L. (2006). Quarterly Reports for MS Dept of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities funded Harrison County Contract - *Planning for Transition to Quality Community Life*.

McDowell, L. (2006). Quarterly Reports for MS Dept of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Grant - *Success with Vision Project (USM): Insuring Success for Students with Vision Impairments and Deaf-Blindness*

McDowell, L. (2006). Quarterly Reports for MS Dept of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Grant – *Domino Effect Project (USM): Breaking Down the Barriers to Regional Technical Assistance for Multiple Developmental Disabilities, including Deaf-Blindness, by Efficient Use of Distally Educated Graduates of the USM Masters Program in Severe Disabilities with the Emphasis in Dual Sensory Impairment*

McDowell, L. (2006). Annual Report to OSEP for Mississippi Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project, OSEP Funded Grant.

McDowell, L. (2006). Annual Report to OSEP for Low Incidence Personnel Preparation Grant. Masters in Dual Sensory Impairment (University of Southern Mississippi collaboration with Texas Tech University and out of state practical experiences.)

McDowell, L. (2005). Annual and Semi-Annual CMS Real Choice CMS Systems Change Project Reports – *Person-Centered Planning with Individuals with Serious Mental Illness*.

McDowell, L. (2005). Quarterly Reports for MS Dept of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities funded Harrison County Contract - *Planning for Transition to Quality Community Life*

McDowell, L. (2005). Quarterly Reports for MS Dept of Mental Health, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Grant - *Success with Vision Project (USM): Insuring Success for Students with Vision Impairments and Deaf-Blindness*.

McDowell, L. (2005). Self- Assessment Report on Mississippi Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project, Submitted to OSEP.

McDowell, L. (2005). Annual Report to OSEP for Mississippi Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project, OSEP Funded Grant.

McDowell, L. (2005). Annual Report to OSEP for Low Incidence Personnel Preparation Grant. Masters in Dual Sensory Impairment (University of Southern Mississippi collaboration with Texas Tech University and out of state practical experiences.)

### **Selected Presentations:**



**International**

Green, F. & McDowell, L. (2008, May). Leisure Lifestyle Discovery: Person-Centered Planning and Beyond. Presentation at Annual Conference of the Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association (CTRA). St. Johns, Newfoundland.

McDowell, L. (2000, December). Utilizing Person-Centered Planning With Aging Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Presentation at Annual TASH Conference, Miami, FL.

McDowell, L. (1998, December). Self-determination: Key to Smooth Transition. Presentation at TASH International Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Glausier, S., & McDowell, L. (1995, October). Recreation and leisure attitudes: Preferences among rural adolescents with mental retardation. Presentation at the Division on Career Development and Transition: Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, Raleigh, N.C.

**National**

McDowell, L. and Montgomery, C. (2014, July). Initial Training, Licensure/Endorsement and Use of DB Professionals: What we have done; What we are doing now; What's Next - In each state and national collaboration efforts. Facilitated discussion session for Annual OSEP Deaf-Blind Project Director Meeting. Washington, D.C.

McDowell, L. (2014, April). Southeast Region Transition Institutes: Deaf-Blind Project Collaboration. Poster session for CEC-DVI Social. Philadelphia, PA.

McDowell, L. (2012, July). Being a Leader - Of Change - Through Collaboration - With Problem-solving - and Effective Presentation/Training and Technical Assistance. Presentation to Helen Keller Fellows. Washington, D.C.

McDowell, L. (2010, August). Systems Change Designs. Presentation to Helen Keller Fellows – Cohort 2. Chicago, IL.

McDowell, L. (2010, August). Transition: Planning for Adult Life. Two 3 hour sessions. Invited presenter for Annual Penn State Autism Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

McDowell, L. (2009, October). Leadership for Systems Change. Presentation to Helen Keller Fellows – Cohort 2. Gulfport, MS.

McDowell, L. (2009, May). Systems Change Designs. Presentation to Helen Keller Fellows – Cohort 1. Cincinnati, OH.

McDowell, L. (2009, January). Leadership for Systems Change. Presentation to Helen Keller Fellows – Cohort 1. Webinar.

McDowell, L. (2008, October). State DB TA Project Needs. Presentation at Annual Advisory Committee of National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB). Portland, OR.

McDowell, L. (2008, May). National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) Personnel Preparation Workgroup Strategic Plan. Presentation at Annual NCDB Topical Workshop. Orlando, FL.

McDowell, L. & Laman, E. (2007, July). Implementation Procedures and Statewide Impact of Distance Education Master in Dual Sensory Impairment: Collaborative between USM and TTU, OSEP funded Personnel Preparation Project. Poster Session at Annual OSEP Part D Project Directors Meeting. Washington, D.C.

Baker, P., Dale, P. & McDowell, L. (2000, May). Interagency Collaboration for Strategic Planning: Public School to Adult Services. Presentation to Annual AAMR Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Butler, E. & McDowell, L. (1999, November). Person-Centered Planning: Measuring Impact in Mississippi. Presentation at the National Association of Development Disabilities Councils, Washington, D.C.

Miller, A. & McDowell, L. (1996, November). Preparing doctoral students seeking positions in higher education for the job search process. Poster session at the Council for Exceptional Children: Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

McDowell, L. (1996, March). Establishing and Maintaining a Model Transition Program.

Focusing on Interagency collaboration, With Limited Personnel and Financial Involvement. Paper presented at the American Council on rural Special Education (ACRES): Sixteenth Annual National conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

### **Regional (SE)**

McDowell, L. (2008, June). Leisure Lifestyle Discovery and the Connection to Person Centered Planning. Presentation at Annual Tri-State Conference on Recreation Inclusion. Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2007, October). Transition Planning and Services: (1) Student Portfolio Development, (2) Developing Units of Instruction for Students with Severe Disabilities, and (3) Documentation of Skill Progress. Invited workshop by Texas Tech University graduate student technical assistance group, Lubbock, TX.

McDowell, L. & Butler, E. (2005, September). Using Person Centered Planning with Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Arkansas Council on Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference Presentation. Hot Springs, AR.

### **State (MS)**

McDowell, L. (2014, June & July). Person Centered Planning Process and Tools for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Statewide Fall Day Workshop for staff of 17 Navigator Agencies. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2014, April). Session 9 – Action Planning for Change to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care: Vision, Skills, Incentives, Resources, Action Steps for (1) Recovery Awareness, (2) Skills and Tools for Discovery and Profiling and Individual Recovery Planning, (3) Curriculum for Psycho-social Rehabilitation, (4) Use of Peer Specialists, (5) Community Asset Mapping. Workshop for staff of NMSH, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC. Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2014, April). Person-Centered Profiles and Action Plans: Relationship to “Plans of Care.” MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Navigator training (17 agencies). Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2014, January). Person-Centered Profiles and Action Plans: Relationship to “Plans of Care.” MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence staff training. Jackson, MS.

Burk, L. and McDowell, L. (2013, November). Use of ID/DD Peer Supports in Mississippi’s Change to a Recovery/Resiliency Oriented System of Care. Webinar for MDMH Breakthrough Series Collaborative. Mississippi.

Achura, I., McDowell, L. & Jones, K. (2013, October). Leading Change in Mississippi for a Recovery/Resiliency Oriented System of Care: Providing Vision, Skills, Incentive, Resources and Action Steps. Webinar for MDMH Breakthrough Series Collaborative. Mississippi.

McDowell, L. (2013, October). Supporting Successful Transition to Adult Life: Collaborative Strategies for Families and School District Staff – Emphasis on Family Role. Annual Mississippi Department of Education and Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services TRANSITION Conference, Breakout Session Proposal Accepted. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, August). Session 3 - Action Planning for Change to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care: Vision, Skills, Incentives, Resources, Action Steps for (1) Recovery Awareness, (2) Skills and Tools for Discovery and Profiling and Individual Recovery Planning, (3) Curriculum for Psycho-social Rehabilitation, (4) Use of Peer Specialists, (5) Community Asset Mapping. Workshop for staff of NMSH, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC. Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, June). Preparation for Person-Directed Recovery and Transition to Community: Session 1 - Discovery to Build Individual Profiles (Recovery-Oriented Assessment) & Session 2 - Linking Profiling to Planning (Recovery Oriented Planning). Two Day Workshop for staff of NMSH, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC, and Region 4 CMHC. Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, May). Funding for Change to Recovery/Resiliency Oriented System of Care. Presentation at MDMH Breakthrough Series Collaborative: Learning Session 1. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, May). Self Care: Strength Through Faith. Presentation at MDMH

Breakthrough Series Collaborative: Learning Session 1. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, May). Application of Recovery/Resiliency Oriented System of Care to Date. Presentation at MDMH Breakthrough Series Collaborative: Learning Session 1. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, April). Person-Centered Planning: Celebrating Diversity. Annual MS PDD Conference, Breakout Session Proposal Accepted. Biloxi, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, April). Current Status of Implementation of Discovery and Profiling in Preparation for Person Centered Planning for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project: Part 3. Workshop for staff of MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, April). Current Status of Implementation of Discovery and Profiling in Preparation for Person Centered Planning for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project: Part 2. Workshop for staff of MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, February). Supporting Transition to Adult Life. Annual MS CEC Conference, Breakout Session Proposal Accepted. Choctaw, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, January). Current Status of Implementation of Discovery and Profiling in Preparation for Person Centered Planning for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project: Part 1. One Day Workshop for staff of MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project, Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, January). Person Centered Planning Process and Tools for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Statewide 2 Day Workshop for staff of LIFE, MDRS, Region 8 CMHC, Arc of MS, & GTPDD. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, December). Connecting “Discovery”, “Profiling” and “Community Calendaring”. Presentation to 17 agency Navigators for Bridge to Independence. Jackson, MS.

Plotner, K., Fulcher, J. & McDowell, L. (2012, October). Introduction to the Bridge to Independence Process and Tools. Breakout session for Annual MS AAIDD (American Association on Intellectual/Development Disabilities) Conference. Biloxi, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, September). Profile to Plan “Tips” and Quality “Indicators” of Person-Centered Planning. Presentation to 17 agencies providing Bridge to Independence Navigation. Jackson, MS.

Fulcher, J. & McDowell, L. (2012, July). Introduction to the Bridge to Independence Process and Tools. Presentation to Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation Administrators and Transition Counselors. Jackson, MS.

Fulcher, J. & McDowell, L. (2012, June). Introduction to the Bridge to Independence Process and Tools. Annual Mississippi Multi-agency Mega-Conference. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, June). Collaboration Between Facility-based Transition Specialists and Bridge to Independence Navigators in Using the Person Centered Planning Process and Tools. Workshop for staff of 25 agencies. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, March X2, April X3). Initial Steps to Using the Person Centered Planning Process and Tools for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Workshop Day with a Follow-up Workshop Day for staff from 17 agencies. Jackson, MS & Gautier MS

McDowell, L. (2012, January). Implementation of Discovery and Profiling in Preparation for Person-Centered Planning and Plan of Care and Safety Plan Development. Workshop with MS Medicaid staff. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, January). Introduction to Person Centered Planning Process and Tools for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Statewide 3 Day Workshop for staff from 17 agencies. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2010, October). Transition: 4 Essential Elements of Quality Programming. Full Day Workshop for Annual MS Deaf-Blind Project Training Institute. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. & Thompson, H. (2010, July). Meaningful Daze: Family Tool for Transition Planning and Self-Determination Skill Building. Accepted Breakout Session for Annual MS Arc

Conference. Natchez, MS.

McDowell, L. & Ross, M. (2010, April). Strategies and Tools for Supporting Customized Employment. Full day workshop for multiple agencies.

(1) Statewide offering, Corinth

(2) Statewide offering, Vicksburg

(3) Statewide offering, Hattiesburg

McDowell, L. & Emerson, J. (2010, February). “Care, Believe and Try”: Individual Profiling, Curriculum Mapping, Progress Documenting for Students with Severe Disabilities. Accepted Breakout Session for Annual MS CEC Conference. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. & Nalker, M. (2010, February). Transition: 4 Essential Elements of Quality Programming. Accepted Breakout Session for Annual MS CEC Conference. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2009, July). Transition: 4 Essential Elements of Quality Programming. Full-day Session during MS Deaf-Blind Project Summer Institute. Long Beach, MS.

McDowell, L. (2009, July). Planning for Transition to Quality Community Life (Assessment, Planning and Curriculum for Severe Disabilities). Full-day Session during MS Deaf-Blind Project Summer Institute. Long Beach, MS.

McDowell, L. (2009). “Systems Redesign”: Recommendations for MS Support Systems for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

(1) March, Presentation to American Academy of Pediatrics annual meeting.

(2) March, Presentation to MS Department of Mental Health Board members.

(3) January, Presentation to MS Arc Board members.

Ross, M. & McDowell, L. (2009, August). Strategies and Tools for Supporting Customized Employment. Half-day Session for MS Annual APSE (Association for Persons in Supported Employment) Conference. Raymond, MS.

McDowell, L. & Nalker, M. (2009, February). Planning for Transition to Quality Community Life (Assessment, Planning and Curriculum for Severe Disabilities). Half-day Session for MS Annual CEC Conference – focus on school district personnel. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2009, January). Planning for Transition to Quality Community Life (Assessment, Planning and Curriculum for Severe Disabilities). Half-day Session for MS Annual Autism Conference – focus on families. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, September). Training Materials for and Implementation of Customized Employment. Presentation at Annual Conference of Association for Personnel in Supported Employment (APSE). Raymond, MS.

McDowell, L. & McDowell, K. (2008, September). Leisure Lifestyle Discovery and the Connection to Person Centered Planning. Presentation at Annual Conference of Mississippi Recreation Provider Association (MRPA). Vicksburg, MS.

McDowell, L. & Holly, C. (2008, July). Toolkit for Providing Technical Assistance to Children and Youth with Deaf-Blindness. Half Day Workshop. Starkville, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, July). Customized Employment Implementation Stages per Millcreek HCBS, Hudspeth Regional Center Community Services, and Ellisville State School Community Services. Presentation at Annual Arc of MS Conference. Raymond, MS.

McDowell, L. & Yates, M. (2008, July). Professional Development and Outreach Partnership for Transition Training, Technical Assistance and Support Services. Presentation at Annual Arc of MS Conference. Raymond, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, May). Customized Employment: Training Efforts and Results To-Date. Presentation at Annual Mississippi ID/DD Home and Community Based Services Conference. Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, February). Kim Peak: The “Real” Rainman. Introduction of the keynote

address by Kim Peak. Annual Fundraiser for Autism by the Arc of MS and the McNair Foundation for Autism. Gautier, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, February). MS Deaf-Blind Project. Poster Session for Annual MS CEC Conference. Tunica, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, January). Customized Employment: Barriers and Solutions for Implementation per Millcreek HCBS. Presentation to Millcreek HCBS Center Directors. Raymond, MS.

McDowell, L. (2007, November). Person-Centered Planning: Comparison of MS Practices to National Model. Annual Conference of MS American Association of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD). Tunica, MS.

McDowell, L. (2007, September). Partnerships for Addressing Needs of Children with Autism and Their Families and Service Providers, MS Department of Health Symposium, Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2007, May). Renewing Commitment and Enhancing Skills: Techniques for Raising Expectations. MS Medicaid funded DD Home and Community Based Waiver Annual Conference (invited presenter). Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2007, March). Using Communication Matrix and IEP Quality Indicator for Assessment, Planning and Progress Monitoring When Providing Technical Assistance to Children with Deaf-Blindness. Statewide workshop presentation, Ocean Springs, MS.

McDowell, L. (2006, October). Using Person Centered Planning with Individuals with Mental Illness - summary of CMS funded systems change grant activity and recommendations report. Annual MDE and MDRS Transition Conference (invited presenter). Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2006, June). Transition Planning and Services: (1) Student Portfolio Development, (2) Developing Units of Instruction for Students with Severe Disabilities, and (3) Documentation of Skill Progress - MS Council on Developmental Disabilities funded grant project outcomes and recommendations. MS Medicaid funded DD Home and Community Based Waiver Annual Conference (invited presenter). Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2006, February, March, April). MS Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities 5 Year State Plan Development Report from three one day interagency meetings (as the invited meeting facilitator) based on the Strategic Planning Report *Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope* (developed in spring of 2005). Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, October). Impact of Person Centered Planning with Individuals with Mental Illness - Survey Results and Recommendations for Systems Change. Two Day Staff Retreat (MDMH, 4 CMHCs, MS-ARC, NAMI, UM). Milton, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, June). Strategic Planning Report Development from full day interagency meeting *Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope* sponsored by MS Child Welfare Coalition. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, June). Using Person Centered Planning with Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. LIFE's Healthy Futures Annual Family Conference Presentation. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, May). Strategic Planning Report Development from two day interagency meeting *Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope* sponsored by MS Council on Developmental Disabilities. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, May). Using Person Centered Planning with Individuals with Mental Illness. Annual Consumer Conference Presentation. Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, January). Action Planning for Person Centered Planning Systems Change Project. Two Day Staff Retreat (MDMH, 4 CMHCs, MS-ARC, NAMI, UM). Ocean Springs, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, January). Using Person Centered Planning with Individuals with Mental Illness. Mental Health Association Workshop. Gulfport, MS.

McDowell, L. (2001, July). Defining Person-Centered Planning. Presentation at Annual Southern

Christian Services Conference: Focus on Independent Living. Hattiesburg, MS.

**Local (MS)**

McDowell, L. (2014, September). Session 10 - Action Planning for Change to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. Separate workshops for staff of NMSH, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC. Oxford and Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2014, September). Person Centered Planning Process and Tools for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Workshop for staff of LIFE. Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2014, February). Session 8 - Action Planning for Change to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. Separate workshops for staff of NMSH, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC. Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, November). Session 6 - Action Planning for Change to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. Separate workshops for staff of NMSH, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC. Oxford and Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, October). Session 5 - Action Planning for Change to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. Separate workshops for staff of NMSH, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC. Oxford and Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, September). Person Centered Planning Process and Tools for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Workshop for

(1) staff of LIFE. Biloxi, MS.

(2) staff of Region 8 CMHC. Brandon, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, September). Session 4 - Action Planning for Change to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. Separate workshops for staff of NMSH, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC. Oxford and Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, January). Session 7 - Action Planning for Change to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. Separate workshops for staff of NMSH, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC. Oxford and Tupelo, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, March). Person-Centered Direct Support: Curriculum for DSPs – Introduction to *Finding Meaning in the Work*. One Day Workshop for

(1) staff at Boswell Regional Center. Magee, MS.

(2) staff at Hudspeth Regional Center. Jackson, MS.

(3) staff at North Mississippi Regional Center. Oxford, MS.

(4) staff at Ellisville State School. Ellisville, MS.

(5) staff at South Mississippi Regional Center. Long Beach, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, March). Person-Centered Direct Support: Curriculum for DSPs – Introduction to *How to Make a Difference*. One Day Workshop for staff at Mississippi Adolescent Center. Brookhaven, MS.

McDowell, L. (2013, February). Person-Centered Direct Support: Curriculum for DSPs – Introduction to *How to Make a Difference*. One Day Workshop for

(1) staff at North Mississippi Regional Center, Oxford, MS.

(2) staff at Ellisville State School. Ellisville, MS.

(3) staff at Boswell Regional Center, Magee, MS.

(4) staff at Hudspeth Regional Center. Jackson, MS.

(5) staff at South Mississippi Regional Center. Long Beach, MS

McDowell, L. (2013, January). Person Centered Planning Process and Tools for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Workshop for

(1) staff of SMPDD. Pascagoula, MS.

(2) staff of MILLCREEK MANAGEMENT. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, October). Evaluating the Initial Shift to Person-Directed Recovery and

Transition to Community. Workshop (part 4 of series) for staff of Mississippi State Hospital. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, October). Introduction to Person Centered Planning Process and Tools for MS Medicaid Bridge to Independence Project. Presentation to “Navigator” staff of Golden Triangle Planning and Development District. Starkville, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, October). Planning the Shift to Person-Directed Recovery and Transition to Community. Workshop (part 3 of series) for staff of Mississippi State Hospital. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, September). Preparation for Shift to Person-Directed Recovery and Transition to Community. Workshop (part 2 of series) for staff of Mississippi State Hospital. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, August). Introduction to Person-Directed Recovery and Transition to Community: Discovery to Build Individual Profiles (Recovery-Oriented Assessment) & Linking Profiling to Planning (Recovery Oriented Planning). Two Day Workshop for staff of Mississippi State Hospital. Jackson, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, June). Person Centered Transition from Facility to Community Life. Two Day Workshop for staff of Mississippi Adolescent Center. Brookhaven, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, March.) Person Centered Transition from Facility to Community Life. Two Day Workshop for

(1) staff of South Mississippi Regional Center. Long Beach, MS.

(2) staff of North Mississippi Regional Center. Oxford, MS.

(3) staff of Boswell Regional Center. Magee, MS.

McDowell, L. (2012, February). Person Centered Transition from Facility to Community Life. Two Day Workshop for

(1) staff of Hudspeth Regional Center. Jackson, MS.

(2) staff of Ellisville State School. Ellisville, MS.

McDowell, L. (2009). “Care, Believe and Try”: Individual Profiling, Curriculum Mapping, Progress Documenting for Students with Severe Disabilities. Workshop series.

(1) July, Statewide offering of supervised “work days” for development of individual student and classroom tools

(2) February, Pascagoula School System

(3) February, Lamar County School System

(4) February, Jackson School System

(5) February, Tupelo School System

(6) January, Hancock School System

(7) January, Hattiesburg School System

McDowell, L. (2008, October). Planning for Transition to Quality Community Life (Assessment, Planning and Curriculum for Severe Disabilities). Full Day Workshop

(1) for Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Long Beach, Pascagoula, and Moss Point Special Education Teachers. Ocean Springs, MS.

(2) for Picayune, Poplarville, and Pearl River Special Education Teachers. Picayune, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, October). Strategic Plan for Transition Assessment, Planning, and Curriculum for Students with Severe Disabilities. Presentation to Southern Six Special Education Directors; Gulfport, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, September). Planning for Transition to Quality Community Life (Assessment, Planning and Curriculum for Severe Disabilities). Full Day Workshop

(1) for Harrison County School District Special Education Teachers. Gulfport, MS.

(2) for Lamar County Public School District Special Education Teachers. Sumrall, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, July). Planning for Transition to Quality Community Life (Assessment,

Planning and Curriculum for Severe Disabilities). Full Day Workshop for Hattiesburg Public School District Special Education Teachers. Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, June). Steps and Strategies for Successful Grant Writing for MS-CDD Funds. Presentation for USM graduate class, instructor Dr. Hollie Filce. Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. & Nalker, M. (2008, March). Professional Development and Outreach Partnership for Transition Training, Technical Assistance and Support Services. Presentation to Board of McNair Foundation for Autism. Biloxi, MS.

McDowell, L. & Burr, J. (2008, March). Alternate Assessment Procedures. Full day workshop with Harrison County School Special Education Teachers. Gulfport, MS.

McDowell, L. & Nalker, M. (2008, February). Professional Development and Outreach Partnership for Transition Training, Technical Assistance and Support Services. Presentation on local radio station. Pascagoula, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, February). Smooth Transition from School To Adult Life. Full Day Workshop for Millcreek of Magee Personnel. Magee, MS.

McDowell, L. (2008, January). Training Opportunities through USM: Graduate, Undergraduate, and Assistant Teachers. Presentation to Southern Six Special Education Directors. Gulfport, MS.

McDowell, L. (2006, July). Transition Training Planning and Services: Documentation of Skill Progress. MS Council on Developmental Disabilities funded grant project multi-school district work group one day trainings. Gulfport, MS; Hattiesburg, MS; Madison, MS.

McDowell, L. (2006, July). Transition Planning and Services: Developing Units of Instruction for Students with Severe Disabilities. MS Council on Developmental Disabilities funded grant project multi-school district work group one day trainings. Gulfport, MS; Hattiesburg, MS; Madison, MS.

McDowell, L. (2006, July). Transition Planning and Services: Student Portfolio Development. MS Council on Developmental Disabilities funded grant project multi-school district work group one day trainings. Gulfport, MS; Hattiesburg, MS; Madison, MS.

McDowell, L. (2006, June). Transition Planning and Services: (1) Student Portfolio Development, (2) Developing Units of Instruction for Students with Severe Disabilities, and (3) Documentation of Skill Progress - MS Council on Developmental Disabilities funded grant project outcomes and recommendations. Multi-School District Workshop. Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, July). Transition Planning and Services: Student Portfolio Development. MS Council on Developmental Disabilities funded grant project work group two day training. Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, July). Transition Planning and Services: Developing Units of Instruction for Students with Severe Disabilities. MS Council on Developmental Disabilities funded grant project work group two day training. Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, July). Transition Training Planning and Services: Documentation of Skill Progress. MS Council on Developmental Disabilities funded grant project work group two day training. Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (2005, June). Using Person Centered Planning with Individuals with Mental Illness. Pine Belt Mental Health Staff Development Workshop Presentation (X2). Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (1999, May & October & December). Restructuring for Effective Transition Programming. (1999, March). Occupational Diploma Requirements and Structure. Half-day Workshop for Southern Six Consortium of Southern Six Counties of Special Educators. Gulfport, MS.

McDowell, L. (1999, February). Establishing area interagency transition councils. Presentation to Central Mississippi Special Educator Consortium (19 school districts creating 3 interagency councils). Hattiesburg, MS.

McDowell, L. (1998, September). Building self-determination into service practices -- Promoting transition to community living, work and recreation through increased opportunity for self-determination



and skill development. Presentation at Hudspeth Regional Mental Health Center, Jackson, MS.

**Grant Activity**

2014, September	MS Department of Mental Health: Assisting with Transition from Centers to Community, 10 months	\$42,632
2014, July	MS Medicaid: Bridge to Independence 3, 1 year	\$99,998
2013, October	US Department of Education OSEP Part D: Mississippi Vision-Hearing Project, <b>5 years</b>	\$133,605
		<b>per year</b>
2013, October	MS Department of Education – Statewide Vision Workshops, 1 year	\$30,780
2013, July	MS Medicaid: Bridge to Independence 3, 1 year	\$84,926
2013, July	MS Department of Mental Health: Assisting with Transition from Centers to Community (Year 2), 1 year	\$30,000
2012, November	MS Department of Education: Statewide Vision Workshops, 8 months	\$49,680
2012, October	Presbytery of South Mississippi, donation to ChildVoice International	\$18,000
2012, August	MS Department of Mental Health: Assisting with Transition from Centers to Community, 11 months	\$30,000
2012, July	MS Medicaid: Bridge to Independence 2, 1 year	\$84,926
2012, January	MS Department of Rehabilitation Services: Support for DB Access the Dream, 9 months	\$1,000
2012, January	MS Department of Mental Health: Assisting with Transition from Centers to Community, 8 months	\$69,552
2011, October	MS Governor’s Council on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Support for DB Access the Dream, 1 year	\$3,000
2011, August	Arc of MS: Coordination of Arc of MS Meaningful Daze Project (Year 2), 9 months	\$24,672
2011, October	MS Medicaid: Bridge to Independence 1, 1 year	\$32,608
2011, February	Pass Christian School District: Training in Curriculum Mapping and Transition Planning for Severe Disabilities, 5 months	\$4,000
2011, January	MS Governor’s Council on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Consultant for Customized Employment Pilot at Hudspeth Regional Center, 6 months	\$8,000
2010, October	MS Governor’s Council on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Support for DB Technical Assistance Conference, 1 year	\$5,000
2010, October	MS Department of Education: Support for DB Technical Assistance Conference, 1 year	\$2,000
2010, October	MS Governor’s Council on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Tools for Transition, 1 year	\$41,567
2010, September	Pass Christian School District: Training in Curriculum Mapping for Severe Disabilities, 9 months	\$2,000
2010, September	MS Governor’s Council on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Consultant for Customized Employment Pilot at Hudspeth Regional Center, 1 month	\$4,000
2010, August	National Center for Technology: Seeing the Possibilities, 6 months	\$20,000

2010, August	Arc of MS: Coordination of Arc of MS Meaningful Daze Project, 9 months	\$24,672
2010, January	MS Governor's Council on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Consultant for Customized Employment Pilot at Hudspeth Regional Center, 5 months	\$7,992
2010, January	Arc of MS: Employment Strategies Training, 5 months	\$3,240
2009, July	MS Protection and Advocacy: MS Disability Long Term Support System Redesign Recommendations, 6 months	\$28,083
2008, October	US Department of Education: Mississippi Deaf-Blind Project, <b>5 years</b>	\$133,605 <b>per year</b>
2008, July	Anonymous Donor: Assistantship funding for graduate student with interest in Severe Disabilities, including Deaf-Blindness, <b>2 years</b>	\$10,000 <b>per year</b>
2006, October	MS Governor's Council on Development Disabilities: Domino Effect Project, <b>3 years</b>	\$75,228 <b>per year</b>
2003, October	US Department of Education: Mississippi Deaf-Blind Project, <b>5 years</b>	\$133,605 <b>per year</b>
2003, September	US Department of Education: Personnel Preparation Grant, <b>5 years</b> + 1 year no cost extension year	\$250,000 <b>per year</b>
2003, October	MS Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities: Vision Impairment, Training, <b>3 years</b>	\$62,000 <b>per year</b>
2003, October	Harrison County School District: Transition Planning and Instruction, <b>3 years</b>	\$39,857 <b>per year</b>
2002, October	US Department of Human Services: Real Choice Systems Change Grant (Submitted by MS Department of Mental Health), <b>3 years</b>	\$300,000 <b>per year</b>
1999, October	US Department of Education: Mississippi's Deaf-Blind Project, <b>4 years</b>	\$123,789 <b>per year</b>
1999, July	MS Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities: Person-Centered Planning Initiative, <b>4 years</b>	\$70,000 <b>per year</b>
1997, September	Fannie Mae: Homeownership for People with Disabilities Mortgage Underwriting Experiment - in first mortgage financing available for qualified buyers in 1998	<b>\$1 million</b>
1997, June	US Administration on Developmental Disabilities: Training Initiative Project, <b>5 years</b>	\$82,680 <b>per year</b>

### **Selected Consultant Work**

**2009 - 2014 Community Public Outreach: Service to Schools and Non-profit Agencies (Mississippi)**  
State-wide Technical Assistance Provision – systems change to person-centered service delivery:

- (1) MS Medicaid, Arc of MS, LIFE, Oxford Healthcare, Millcreek Management, Region 4 CMHC, Region 8 CMHC, Region 14 CMHC, all 10 MS PDDs
- (2) MS Department of Mental Health, SMRC, Boswell Regional Center, Ellisville State School, Hudspeth Regional Center, NMRC, Mississippi Adolescent Center, Region 2 CMHC, Region 3 CMHC, NMSH
- (3) MS Department of Education, Office of Special Education

Person-Centered Plan meeting facilitation and writing of profiles and action plans (160+) from 2009 through October, 2014.

## **2009 - 2014 Professional Consultation**

### ***International Consultation***

- Consultant for Child Voice International: Program Development, Procedural Manual Production, Staff Development and Training (18 month residential rehabilitation program for former child soldiers who are also child mothers in northern Uganda) [2009 - 2013]

### ***National Consultation***

- Consultant for Helen Keller Fellows: OSEP Personnel Preparation Grant to Western Oregon University: Webinar Instructor and Onsite Instructor and Practicum Mentor to Graduate Students from 15 universities from around the nation with programs in deaf-blindness [2009 - 2013]
- Scoring of Direct Support Professional Portfolios for national credentialing – following training by the National Association of Direct Support Professionals (NADSP.) [2009 - 2012]
- Membership in Intervener Community of Practice; NCDB Personnel Prep Workgroup; NCDB SE Workgroup on Customized Employment. [2009 – 2012]

### ***State Consultation (Mississippi)***

- Mississippi Multi-agency Task Force facilitation: Training and Using Self-Advocates with Developmental Disabilities to provide training and support to others with Developmental Disabilities [2014]
- MS Medicaid's *Mississippi Access to Care 2.0* (BIP): Stakeholder Group membership (Recommendations for implementation of systems change efforts and funding shifts) [2013 – present]
- MS Department of Mental Health's *Breakthrough Series Collaborative*: Faculty Committee membership (Training content development and implementation and matrix development for self-evaluating of progress) [2013]
- Mississippi Department of Education's *Braille Bill Advisory Committee*: Committee Secretary and Training Sub-committee Chairperson (Including Annual Recommendation Report writing) [2008 – present]
- Mississippi Council for Exceptional Children (*MS-CEC*) Board (VP-Elect, VP, Pres, Past-Pres: Including annual conference planning [2010 – present]
- Vicksburg-Warren County School System Teacher Training: Using the *Design to Learning* Materials [2011 – 2012]
- Transition Planning and Self-Determination Skill Building Workgroup facilitation with teachers and parents and students – one year bi-monthly meetings. Biloxi School District & Jackson County School District, Hinds County School District, Natchez/Adams County School District, Jackson School District, Long Beach School District, Pass Christian School District & Bay Waveland School District [2010 – 2012]
- MS-Direct Support Professional Organization Advisory Committee membership. [2009-2010]

- MS-Deaf-Blind Task Force membership: Multi-agency individual transition planning. [2009-2012]
- Membership in Ocean Springs, Mississippi Multi-agency and Family Member Workgroup on Inclusive “After-school” Care. [2009 – 2010]

### **2005 - 2008 “Detailed Breakdown” of Community Outreach, Services, and Consultation**

#### **2008 Community Public Outreach (*Mississippi*)**

- Person Centered Planning Meetings/Written Reports (9) – 5 agencies.
- School District Classroom and Agency Technical Assistance On-site Meetings (26) to Encourage Implementation of Deaf-Blind Project Activities and Outcome Documentation – 15 agencies.
- Technical Assistance On-site Meetings (3) per Individuals with Deaf-Blindness – Implementing the “Customized Employment” Discovery and Profiling Strategies for Job Development with Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation
- Technical Assistance Conference Calls (3) – Follow-up to Statewide Webinar Series Training of Multiple Agencies in Mississippi to Utilize “Customized Employment” Strategies

#### **2008 Service to schools and non-profit agencies (*Mississippi*)**

- Meetings (2) with USM Dubard School for Language Disorders – Establishing Collaborative Referral Systems and Technical Assistance with MS Deaf-Blind Project.
- Meetings (2) with McNair Autism Center, Harrison County School District and the Arc of MS – Strategic Planning for Meeting the Transition to Adult Life Needs of Children and Youth with Autism.
- Strategic Planning Meetings with Public School Districts (4) per Programming, Instruction, and Progress Documenting with Students with Severe Disabilities.
- Strategic Planning Meeting with Training Director of South Mississippi Regional Center per Deaf-Blind Train-the Trainer Activities.
- Strategic Planning Meeting with Mississippi-APSE (Association for Persons in Supported Employment) Director per Training Activities and Grant Writing related to “Customized Employment”.
- Advisement to Non-profit Agency per Grant Writing to Establish a Camp for Youth with Disabilities.
- Advisement to Advocacy Organization Established by Parents of Children with Autism.

#### **2008 Professional Consultation**

##### ***National Consultation***

- Membership on National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness Advisory Committee (Co-Chair) – Meeting Attendance for Evaluation of Services.
- Consultation Conference Calls as Member of National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) Transition Task Force – Development of national training plan on “Discovery, Profiling, and Customized Employment.”
- Consultation Conference Calls (11) and meetings (2) with FIPSE grant director at Utah State University as Member of National Deaf-Blind Intervener Task Force – Development of System of National Deaf-Blind Intervener Training & Licensure.
- Consultation Conference Call and meetings (2) as Member of National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) Personnel Preparation Task Force – Development and Implementation of National Training Plan and Research Agenda.

- Membership on National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness Southeast Regional DB Project Task Force – Meeting Attendance to Develop Collaborative Technical Assistance and Training Activities Across State Lines.
- Collaborative Activity (2) per Research Efforts per Individuals with Deaf-Blindness – Charity Rowland’s Research on Measurement Tools to Document Communication Skills & Kat Stremmel’s Research on Cochlear Implant Impact.
- Paid Consult for Western Oregon University’s National Helen Keller Fellows OSEP Grant – Participating in Preplanning, Evaluation, and Conducting of Distance Education Training Activities with Graduate Students at 10 Universities, Nationwide.

***Multi-State Consultation***

- Membership on Conference Planning Committee for Annual Tri-State Recreation Inclusion Conference – Meeting Attendance (2) for All Aspects of Conference Planning.
- Consultation Meeting with University of New Orleans & University of Florida & other USM Special Education Faculty to Plan and Implement Collaborative Training Across State Lines per Severe and Low Incidence Disabilities.

***State Consultation (Mississippi)***

- Facilitation of Interagency Study Group meetings (17) for the Development of a Comprehensive Document with Recommendations for Systems Change Leading to a Shift in Mississippi from Institutional to Community Services, including Sub-Committee Work.
- Organization of and Membership in Mississippi Vision Task Force for Production of Action Plan and Budget Proposal Documents to Meet Statewide Needs of Students with Vision Impairment; participation in meeting (with MDE staff and MS legislators) and conference calls (5).
- Membership on Mississippi Department of Education Braille Bill Advisory Committee (Secretary) – Meeting Attendance and Sub-Committee Conference Calls (2) (Chair of Comprehensive Training Sub-Committee, Member of Student Identification Sub-Committee) for Strategic Planning to Meet Needs of Children in Mississippi with Vision Impairment.
- Membership on Mississippi Department of Mental Health Autism Advisory Committee – Meeting Attendance for Interagency Strategic Planning to Meet Needs in the State.
- Membership on Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Deaf-Blind Task Force – Meeting Attendance for Interagency Strategic Planning to Meet Needs in the State.
- Membership on Ocean Springs Community Group for Assisting Parents of Children with Disabilities in Their Need for Childcare - Meeting (5) attendance for Interagency Strategic Planning to Meet Needs.
- Membership on Ellisville State School Community Services Advisory Committee – Meeting Attendance (3) for Evaluation of Services.
- Membership in Arc of MS College of Direct of Support Professional Project Advisory Committee – Meeting Attendance for Evaluation of Project Activities and Strategic Planning.

### **2007 Community Public Outreach**

- Presentation to Southern Six Consortium of School District Special Education Directors on recommendations from MS Vision Task Force for improved service delivery for children with Vision Impairments, including those with multiple disabilities.
- Presentation of Self-Assessment Report on OSEP Part D Funded Personnel Prep Project to Advisory Committee for input prior to submission to OSEP.
- Person Centered Planning Meetings/Written Reports (7).
- School District Classroom and Agency Technical Assistance On-site Meetings (4) encouraging implementation of grant funded activities and outcome documentation.
- Two part presentation (and work session) to Forrest County ARC on “Supports for Community Living”.
- Facilitation of Annual Autism Institute.
- Facilitation of Recreation Program for Children with Severe Disabilities attending MS-ARC Annual Family Conference.
- Presentation to Southern Six Consortium of School District Special Education Directors on Partners to Meet the Needs of Children with Autism and Their Families and Service Providers.

### **2007 Service to schools and non-profit agencies**

- Organization of Mississippi Vision Task Force and production of action plan and budget proposal documents; participation in meetings (with MDE staff and MS legislators) and conference calls (12).
- Organization and funding of 10 school district teachers and South Mississippi Regional Center staff to participate in a “Train the Trainer” Institute: 3 one week long training events provided by Sister Bernie Wynn of the Helen Keller National Center.
- Full day presentation on National Deaf-Blind Competencies to USM Masters in Severe Disabilities with the Emphasis in Dual Sensory Impairment – 3<sup>rd</sup> Cohort Group.
- Organization and funding of multiple agency “interveners” (3) enrollment in Salt Lake Community College coursework.
- Participation in Conference Calls (as chairperson) of National Consortium on Deafblindness (NCDB) Advisory Board.
- Participation in Advisory Committee Meeting “Creative Community Living Options”, MS-Council on Developmental Disabilities funded project.
- Development of Personal Portfolio and Conduct Job Search (3 sessions) for Natchez Public Schools and MS Department of Rehabilitation.
- Development of Personal Portfolio and Conduct Job Search for Laurel area family/son with autism and MS Department of Rehabilitation.
- Advocacy work (with private attorney and judge) for an adult with deaf-blindness (living in a nursing home) - leading to Helen Keller National Center becoming Medicaid provider and MS Medicaid funding her attendance to HKNC when MDRS would not provide the funding.

### **2007 Professional Consultation**

- Consultation (4 meetings) with the Arc of MS director and staff: Strategic planning for USM offering through the CEU department the Arc’s statewide distance education program for para-professionals.
- Consultant Conference Calls (2) and meetings (3) with FIPSE grant director at Utah State – Development of System of National Intervener Training.
- Facilitation of strategic planning through conference calls (19) and meetings with potential partners for development of CISE Department Center for Professional Development and Outreach: Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Georgia State and Valdosta State, Mississippi

Department of Education, The Arc of MS, Alabama Deaf-Blind Project, T.K. Martin Assistive Technology Center at MSU.

- Planning committee meetings (2) for Annual Mississippi Recreation Inclusion Conference.
- Consultation Conference Calls (8) with National Consortium on Deafblindness (NCDB) Transition Task Force – Development of national training plan on “Discovery, Profiling, and Customized Employment”.
- Invited member in two day strategic planning team, held by National Consortium on Deafblindness (NCDB) Personnel Preparation Task Force; Chicago, IL.
- Consultation (2 sessions) with MS Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities director – strategic planning for multiple agency collaboration.
- Facilitation of SE regional planning meetings (2) for implementation of NCDB Transition Task Force recommendations for training, implementation and research on ”Discovery, Profiling, and Customized Employment”.
- Consultation (3 sessions) with MDMH – MI Division and Pine Belt Community Mental Health Services: Strategic planning for continued statewide use of Person-Centered Planning with Individual with Mental Illness.
- Consultation with Texas Tech University OSEP funded Research Grant: Functional Hearing Inventory Development.
- Consultation (2) with Jackson County Schools: Establishing collaborative between USM and School System for delivery of transition program by Jackson County School District staff on the campus of USM.
- Consultation with MDMH – DD HCBW director: Strategic planning for statewide autism services.
- Consultation conference calls with team of Texas Tech University doctoral students on topics of: Implementing and Researching the Impact of Transition Planning and Services, Student Portfolio Development, Developing Units of Instruction for Students with Severe Disabilities, and Documentation of Skill Progress.
- Membership in newly formed Mississippi Autism Advisory Committee meetings (2), MS Department of Mental Health.
- Membership in newly formed Oceans Springs Community Group for Assisting Parents of Children with Disabilities in Their Need for Childcare.
- Membership in MS Arc’s College of Direct of Support Professional Project Advisory Committee.

### **2006 Community Public Outreach**

- Person Centered Planning Meetings/Written Reports (7).
- School District Classroom and Agency Technical Assistance On-site Meetings (9), encouraging implementation of grant funded activities and outcome documentation.
- Facilitation of Recreation Program for Children with Severe Disabilities attending MS-ARC Annual Family Conference.
- Presentation to NE Consortium of School District Special Education Directors on recommendations from MS Vision Task Force for improved service delivery for children with Vision Impairments, including those with multiple disabilities.

### **2006 Service to schools and non-profit agencies**

- Full day presentation on National Deaf-Blind Competencies to USM Masters in Severe Disabilities with the Emphasis in Dual Sensory Impairment – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort Group.
- Full day workshop on grant writing for interagency group seeking MS Governor’s Council on Development Disabilities funding.

- Presentation to Amory School District on Transition Planning and Services: Student Portfolio Development, Developing Units of Instruction for Students with Severe Disabilities, and Documentation of Skill Progress - MS Council on Developmental Disabilities funded grant project outcomes and recommendations.
- MDE Special Education Policy and Procedure Committee (invited membership, 2 two-day sessions.)
- Organization of Mississippi Vision Task Force and production of action plan and budget proposal documents; participation in meetings and conference calls (15).
- Organization and funding of 12 teachers from 6 school districts for attendance at National Inclusion Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- Organization and funding of multiple agency “interveners” (3) enrollment in Salt Lake Community College coursework.
- Facilitation (as newly elected chairperson) of National Deaf-Blind Advisory Board in Portland, OR.
- Facilitation of MS Deaf-Blind Project Advisory Committee semi-annual advisory committee meeting.
- Participation in Advisory Committee Meetings for “MS Direct Support Professional Initiative”, MS-Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities funded project at the MS-ARC.
- Participation in Advisory Committee Meetings (3) for “Creative Community Living Options”, MS-Council on Developmental Disabilities funded project.
- Participation in Advisory Committee Meeting “MS Home of Your Own Project”, USM-IDS project.
- Development of Personal Portfolio and Conduct Job Search for Natchez Public Schools and MS Department of Rehabilitation (3 sessions).
- Generation of 2 support letters for federal grants from OSEP (IDEA Part D funding): NTAC and TTU.
- Facilitation (3 sessions) of interagency participation in writing for a CMS Systems Transformation grant (i.e. MDMH, DD Services and MI Services, MS Medicaid, MS- ARC).
- Advocacy work (with private attorney and judge, 2 sessions) for an adult with deaf-blindness (living in a nursing home) - leading to Helen Keller National Center becoming Medicaid provider and MS Medicaid funding her attendance to HKNC when MDRS would not provide the funding.

#### **2006 Professional Consultation**

- Consultant Conference Calls (2) with FIPSE grant at Utah State - Intervener Training.
- Consultant Conference Calls (3) with Southeast Regional Resource Center Low Incidence Task Force.
- Planning committee meetings (5) for Annual Mississippi Recreation Inclusion Conference.
- Transition committee conference calls (2) for National Technical Assistance Consortium.
- Consultation meetings (4) with multiple agencies (i.e. MDMH Project Recovery and Helen Keller National Center) for hurricane relief efforts for individuals with disabilities.
- Consultation with MS Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities director – strategic planning for multiple agency collaboration.
- Consultation with MS Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE) director – strategic planning for multiple agency collaboration.
- Consultation with MDH EI director – strategic planning for multiple agency collaboration.
- Consultation with MS-ARC director – strategic planning for multiple agency collaboration.
- Consultation with MDMH – DD HCBW director – strategic planning for multiple agency collaboration.



### **2005 Community Public Outreach**

- Person Centered Planning Meetings/Written Reports (8).
- Presentation of Self-Assessment Report on MS Deaf-Blind Project to Advisory Committee for input prior to submission to OSEP.
- Participation in public hearing for development of State Plan for MS Department of Rehabilitation.
- Facilitation of Recreation Program for Children with Severe Disabilities attending MS-ARC Annual Family Conference.

### **2005 Service to schools and non-profit agencies**

- Delivery of full day inservice with Harrison County School special education teachers.
- Delivery of 2 full day inservices with Hattiesburg Public School special education teachers.
- Delivery of half day inservice with McComb Public School half day with special education teachers.
- Facilitation of full day workshop on “discovery for futures planning” with individuals with mental illness with 4 CMHCs and NAMI and MS-ARC.
- Facilitation of full day workshop on “discovery for meaningful community recreation and relationships” with individuals with mental illness with 4 CMHCs and NAMI and MS-ARC.
- Facilitation of half day workshop on “discovery for employment” with individuals with mental illness with 4 CMHCs and NAMI and MS-ARC.
- Facilitation of two day workshop for families and service providers of children with deaf-blindness.
- Facilitation of full day follow-up workshop for families and service providers of children with deaf-blindness.
- Facilitation of interagency strategic planning follow-up meetings related to Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope for Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities.
- Facilitation of interagency strategic planning pre-meetings (2) related to Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope for Coalition for Child Welfare.
- Facilitation of interagency workgroups (2) related to strategic plan developed by Task Force for Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope for Coalition for Child Welfare.
- Facilitation of MS Deaf-Blind Project Advisory Committee semi-annual advisory committee meeting.
- Facilitation of staff meeting for implementation of Person Centered Planning for Gulfcoast Community Mental Health Center.
- Facilitation of strategic planning meetings (2) for continued implementation of Person Centered Planning for NAMI-MS and 4 CMHCs.
- Consultation Conference Call for support of implementation of Person Centered Planning for 4 CMHCs, NAMI-MS, ARC-MS.
- Participation in Advisory Committee Meetings (2) “Creative Community Living Options”, MS-Council on Developmental Disabilities funded project.
- Participation in Advisory Committee Meeting “MS Home of Your Own Project”, USM-IDS project.
- Development of Job Analysis and Individualized Task Analysis for Individual with Deaf-Blindness for MS Department of Rehabilitation.
- Participation in Individual Education Plan meetings (2).
- Presentation to MS Department of Education, Special Education Advisory Committee – “Low Incidence Disability Task Force Recommendations”.

### **2005 Professional Consultation**

- Consultant Conference Calls (8) with FIPSE grant at Utah State - Intervener Training.
- Presentation of Utah State FIPSE project to Hinds Community College staff (9/23/05)
- Consultant Conference Calls (5) with Southeast Regional Resource Center Low Incidence Task Force.
- Consultant Conference Calls (4) with Project SPARKLE - National Training Program for families of children with deaf-blindness.
- Assist with MS Department of Rehabilitation State Independent Living Council meeting election of officers.
- Planning committee meeting for Annual Mississippi Recreation Inclusion Conference.
- Planning committee conference calls (3) for Southeast Regional National Technical Assistance Consortium Regional Workshop.
- Planning committee conference calls (2) for National Technical Assistance Consortium Annual Conference.
- Planning meetings (5) with MS Department of Education on addressing needs of low incidence disabilities.
- Consultation meetings (3) with Louisiana Department of Mental Health Real Choice Systems Change project representatives.
- Consultation meeting with Strategic Planning Team for hurricane relief efforts for affordable, accessible housing for individuals with disabilities.
- Consultation meeting with MS Department of Rehabilitation Hurricane Relief Efforts regarding employment for people with disabilities.
- Participation in MS Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities workgroup for development of plan for piloting Money Follows the Person legislative support.

### **Other Selected Consultation Activities**

- 2001, Spring MS Department of Education "Vision Impairment and Blindness" Teacher Preparation Work Group.
- 2000 – 2003 MS Department of Rehabilitation Deaf-Blind Task Force Member. MS
- 2000 – 2001 Olmstead Act Response Committee: "Transition" Co-Chair.
- 2000, Fall MS Department of Rehabilitation Deaf Services Regional Conference (SERID) Planning Committee.
- 2000, Summer MS Department of Education School Improvement Grant Re-write Committee Member.
- 2000, Spring MS-ARC Annual Conference Planning Committee
- 1999 – 2001 Living Independence for Everyone's "Speaking for Ourselves" Board Member & Legislative Issues Committee Member.
- 1999 – 2000 MS Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities' State-wide Needs Survey Committee.
- 2000 – 2005 Department of Rehabilitation's Allied Enterprises Advisory Board: Pine Belt Area.
- 2000 – present MS Home of Your Own Advisory Board Member.
- 1999 – 2003 Consultation with South Mississippi Regional Mental Health Center - Establishing research procedure for determining future regional service need in collaboration with Southern Six County Special Education Consortium.
- 1999 – 2000 Advisory Board membership: Transition Project (Retreat planning and implementation) - Department of Health, Children's Medical Program (Blake Clinic).
- 1998 – 2001 Consultation with Department of Mental Health, Millcreek Management & Pinebelt Community Mental Health for the establishment of Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver Day Habilitation Programs.



- Strategies
- 2001, April Retreat Director: Three day state-wide brainstorming session for development of recommendations at Holmes County State Park. (#25 participants). Person-Centered Planning: What's Working and What's Not and Solutions for Next Steps for Systems Change
- 2000, Nov. Conference Director: Two day state-wide conference in Hattiesburg, MS. (#220 participants). 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Person-Centered Planning Conference
- 1998, February Conference planning committee chairperson. Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Gamma Chapter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Conference on the Welfare of Youth and Children: Forming Partnerships for Character Education.
- 1994, June Conference planning director and consultant for Forrest County, Petal & Hattiesburg schools. Two day conference for south Mississippi school districts. Meeting the Individual Needs of Diverse Student Populations in Grades K-6.
- 1994, April Conference planning committee chairperson. Mississippi Division for Early Childhood of Council for Exceptional Children's Day of Sharing. Collaboration for Effective Inclusion and Transition.

### **Other Selected Activities**

#### ***University Committees***

##### **2009 – 2014**

Dissertation Committee – Kerri Jones-Johnson

Writer of the Annual SPA reports for the Non-licensure Special Education program

##### **2005 – 2008**

Dissertation Committee – Allison Moffett

Specialist Committee – Terri Miller (Lead) and Joan Easterling (Lead)

Special Education Department Committee (Lead 2003 – 2005)

CISE Scholarship Committee

#### ***Membership and Offices in Professional Organizations***

##### Local Professional Associations

ARC - Forrest County (1995 – 2005)

##### State Professional Associations

- MS - Direct Support Professional Organization
- National Association on Mental Illness of MS
- American Association on Mental Retardation – MS
- ARC - MS (lead role prior to 2005)
- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) - MS
  - 2005 – 2010 USM Student Chapter (Advisor Lead)
  - 2009 – 2010 VP Elect – MS CEC Chapter
  - 2010 – 2011 VP – MS CEC Chapter
  - 2011 – 2012 President-Elect – MS CEC Chapter
  - 2012 – 2013 President – MS CEC Chapter
  - 2013 – present Past-President – MS CEC Chapter

##### Regional Professional Associations

- Southeast Regional Resource Consortium - Low Incidence Disability Task Force (2005 – 2006)
- National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) - Southeast Regional Team (lead role prior to 2005)

##### National Professional Associations

- Association for the Rights of Citizens (ARC)

- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)  
Transition Division  
Division of Vision Impairment

Other National Associations

- *Deaf-Blind Coalition*: membership (collaborative advocacy efforts) 2008 - present
- OSEP Funded Personnel Prep Grant at Texas Tech University: *Project SASI* Advisory Committee (Multi-state distance education masters program in Vision and Deaf-Blindness and Orientation & Mobility) 2012 - present
- National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) - Research Task Force (lead role prior to 2005)
- National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) – Transition Task Force (lead role prior to 2005) [Member of NCDB TWG, 2013 - present]
- National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) – Personnel Preparation Task Force (lead role prior to 2005) [Member of NCDB work group, 2014]
- National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) – Advisory Board Chairperson (lead role prior to 2008)
- Deaf-Blind Intervener Task Force (lead role prior to 2008)
- SPARKLE - Deaf-Blind Family Association

International Professional Associations.

- TASH - The Association for Severe Disabilities

***Certifications***

Mississippi	Special Subject (K-12) / Educationally Handicapped. Elementary Education (K-8).
Illinois	Special Teaching (K-12) / Learning Disabilities. Elementary Teaching (K-9). Upper Elementary/Junior High (Social Science).
Wisconsin	Special Education (K-12).
Tennessee	Cross Categorical Certificate in Special Education (K-12). Elementary Education (K-8).
Georgia	Elementary Education (K-8).

***Other Experience***

2009 – 2013	Consultant for ChildVoice International in northern Uganda
1986 – 1989	Director of Education: Reformed Presbyterian Church Carbondale, IL.
1960 – 1973, 1987 - 1989	15 years living and working abroad in South Korea

***Academic Awards And Honors***

2006	Distinguished Service Provider Award - Mississippi Industries for Individuals with Disabilities
1996	Nominated for Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services' 1996 Distinguished Service Award
1996	Listed in Who's Who of American Women
1995	Listed in Who's Who in American Education
1977	Listed in Who's Who in American Education
1976	Elected College Student Body President
1975	Elected College Cultural Affairs Chairperson
1973	High School Valedictorian