

In honor of National Deaf Awareness Week, Hamilton Relay is pleased to recognize Lisa Kornberg as the 2009 Deaf/Hard of Hearing Leader for the State of Maryland

Lisa Kornberg has over twenty years of experience as a hard of hearing professional providing advocacy, counseling, technical assistance and program development for the Deaf and hard of hearing communities of Maryland.

Governor Martin O'Malley named Lisa Kornberg as the Director for the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing where her experience and expertise is valuable in her role of ensuring access to resources and services to help improve the lives of Marylanders who are Deaf and hard of hearing.

Lisa previously worked as Division Director at People Encouraging People, Inc., a non-profit behavioral healthcare corporation dedicated to providing rehabilitation and support services to people in Baltimore who are hearing, Deaf or hard of hearing who are disabled or disadvantaged.

As a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) and a Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC) in private practice since 1994, Lisa has provided advocacy, clinical consultations and individual, couple and family therapy. She also worked for the Family Service Foundation's Institute of Deafness for over ten years where she served as a Mental Health Therapist, Clinical Supervisor, and Director of Clinical Services.

Lisa has made an impact in the lives of others through her various advocacy and program development roles throughout her career, including expanding deaf mental health services, establishing the Deaf Advisory Committee and by facilitating and participating in the re-establishment of the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Lisa has also worked to enhance availability of housing, rehabilitation and treatment for addiction and re-integration into the community, and the development of pro-bono advocacy and treatment to residents of Baltimore who are Deaf. Through several state agencies and the court systems, Lisa has advocated and educated government agencies on the importance of providing accessible services to Maryland residents who are Deaf and hard of hearing.

Lisa and her family reside in Baltimore City. She is a member of a number of organizations, including the Maryland Association of the Deaf, Mental Health Advisory Board, the Maryland Association of Professional Counselors, the American Counselors Association, the American Mental Health Counselors Association, and the U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, among others. She received her Bachelor of Science in Recreation Therapy from the University of Maryland College Park, and in 1985, received her Masters of Education in Counseling and Development from George Mason University. Lisa attended Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. as a Special Student in the Department of Counseling from 1980 to 1982.

We congratulate Lisa on her many accomplishments and are pleased to recognize her for her dedication and service to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities in Maryland.

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