

FOREWORD

In these pages we are pleased to present the substance of our first workshop exclusively for State coordinators of vocational rehabilitation services to deaf people. Seven major topics are discussed: the role and function of the State coordinators; the individualized written rehabilitation program; the use of interpreters in the vocational rehabilitation process; serving severely handicapped deaf people; coding for Vocational Rehabilitation Form R-300; telecommunications for the deaf client, and hearing aid procurement.

The key role of the State coordinator of vocational rehabilitation services to deaf people is thoughtfully examined in its conjunction with the State rehabilitation agency, community agencies and the deaf community.

Leadership responsibilities, program planning, development and implementation and deaf community involvement are discussed in depth.

The Professional Rehabilitation Workers With The Adult Deaf is to be commended for its work in developing an organizational structure for State coordinators of vocational rehabilitation services to deaf people and for planning and conducting the first workshop for this group of coordinators. Special thanks are due to the individuals who served as faculty and advisors at the workshop and to the coordinators whose efforts are increasing the effectiveness of rehabilitation services to deaf persons.

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