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Laura holds a RID CI/CT and has taken the EIPA with a score of 4.8 at the High School, PSE level. She is an active member of Iowa State RID affiliate chapter and is currently serving as Secretary. Laura serves on the Iowa Deaf Evangelism board and is Deaf Ministries Director at New Life Pentecostal Church in Cedar Rapids, IA. Laura also serves on the advisory board for Kirkwood Community College Interpreter Training Program.

Presently, Laura is president of Comprehensive Interpreting Services, Inc., an interpreting referral agency. She is involved in advocating for deaf services, interpreter continuing education and community awareness. She continues to work as an interpreter and community educator.