



Hi I am Susan Tyrrell, Certified Sign Language Interpreter CI/CT/NIC, currently working as an independent contractor in the Eastern Iowa Community, the University of Iowa, and as a Video Relay Interpreter for Sorenson. I am mother of four beautifully grown children, and married to a wonderful man that tolerates and support every twist and turn of my life. Together we serve the Lord Jesus Christ and give him all glory for every accomplishment.

I began taking Sign Language community classes hoping to acquire the necessary skills to communicate with the deaf and provide interpreting for our local Nebraska church. When I realized I had a true love for the people, culture, and language I enrolled in the Iowa Western Community College Interpreter Training Program in Council Bluff, Iowa. Upon completion of my AAS I enjoyed 1 ½ years education interpreting experience and some community work. During my 14 years as a professional Sign Language Interpreter, I have encountered a variety of situations and settings that have added to my understanding of the Deaf Community, Culture, and Language.

Working to establish and nurture an interpreting agency, CSD of Iowa, was one of my greatest challenges, however incredibly rewarding and educational. The agency grew exponentially during my four plus years at which time I relinquished my duties to devote more time to my family and seek other opportunities.

I served 6 years as an adjunct instructor for Kirkwood Community College in Iowa. It's amazing what one can learn when you face a class room of learners. I have since chosen to take respite from this work and return to private practice. I also hope to obtain my BA in the near future.

I have served as:

- Iowa State RID treasurer 2005-2008
- Kirkwood Community College ITP Advisory board- term ended
- Iowa Deaf Ministry Coordinator-5 years
- National Deaf Evangelism Committee member-2 years
- Apostolic Assembly Deaf Ministry Coordinator- 12 years
- Comprehensive Interpreting Services Advisory Board- 1st year

Other professional activities:

- Member Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
- Member of Cedar Rapids Association of the Deaf
- Member of Iowa State Association of the Deaf
- Member of Iowa RID affiliate chapter