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***HIGHLIGHTS***

* Work Incentive Practitioner: Cornell University, 2020
* Over 20 years’ experience as a disability medical and vocational case manager.
* Current knowledge of SSA work incentives, cost savings programs and healthcare options for SSA beneficiaries.

***EXPERIENCE***

**2001-Present**

**Vocational/Medical Case Manager,** Starr and Associates/Starr Benefits Planning/Able Ready EN/Starr Disability Advocates

* Assist individuals with disabilities to apply for Social Security benefits.
* Represent individuals at Social Security Hearings.
* Provide Benefits Planning assistance to ticket to work (TTW) clients.
* Assist MRS customers with applying for disability programs.
* Completing Medicare Set-Aside allocations for litigated cases
* Provide counseling and assistance to Veterans interested in State and Federal Disability Programs.
* Administer and interpret vocational assessments to assist individuals to determine their strengths and vocational options.
* Assist individuals to set goals and reduce barriers to employment.
* Provide career counseling to assist individuals with career related concerns and academic advising to individuals interested in vocational training or college.
* Assist individuals with resume development, interview practice, and job search strategies.
* Provide job placement and job coaching to ensure placement.
* Provided expert witness testimony for the Social Security Administration.
* Ticket To Work job placement and incentives coordination
* Medical case management for Auto no-fault, LTD/STD, and Workers’ Compensation
* Vocational casement management for Longshore Fisherman and Railroad clients

***EDUCATION/ADDITIONAL CURRENT CREDENTIALS***

Master of Science degree, Eastern Michigan University

Bachelor of Science degree, Michigan State University

***ACCREDITATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS***

2013 to Present Accredited Claims Agent-Veterans' Administration-Department of Veteran Affairs- February 7, 2013 022D

2009 to Present Accredited Disability Representative, National Association of Disability Representatives

2005 to Present Medicare Set-Aside Consultant Certified, MSCC, University of Florida

2001 to Present Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, CRC, Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification # 041672

2001 to Present Certified Senior Disability Analyst, SDA, American Board of Disability Analysts, Certification #6750-01

***PROFESSIONAL***

2018- Present BLS/ORS Committee Leader, National Association of Disability Representatives

2008- Present Non-Attorney Representative, Eligible for Direct Fee through the Social Security Administration

2010- Present Member, Conference Committee, National Association of Disability Representatives

2008-2010 Board of Directors, Michigan Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, Past President