Ora Perkins Bio

Currently serves as a Board member of NYCASE and a Co-Chair of the Technology and Communications Committee

Work History Highlights:

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

Albany, New York. Coordinator of Special Education - Now Retired

Oversaw 9 Committees on Special Education Chairpersons (1 Licensed Psychologist, Grade 23 Psychologists) and 31 teachers. Represented the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision on the Commissioners of Education Advisory Panel for Special Education. Collaborated with state agencies on legislative changes for Special Educational Services. Acted as liaison between NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and other state agencies. Collaborated with State Education Department and Civil Service to develop Teacher Certification Initiatives. Prepared Special Education budgets and purchases. Developed a system for reporting NY DOCCS Special Education data. Prepared DOCCS Special Education data for New York State Education Department. Coordinated Annual Report efforts for Education.

WASHINGTON –SARATOGA BOCES, Saratoga Springs, NY 1995-1999 Youth Program Coordinator.

Duties included: STAC Reports, GED Programs, Planned Programs and events. Coordinated and supervised classroom activities and events for the Incarcerated Youth Program in Washington County Correctional Facility

WASHINGTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, Comstock, NY 1992-1999

Teacher IV – Special Educator

Assisted with design and implementation of programs for Washington Correctional Facility

Performed diagnostic testing and made recommendations for students. Facilitated "Changing Directions" and "Cultural Diversities" classes. Diversity Management Chairperson.

QUEENSBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL, Queensbury, NY 1990-1992

Resource Room Instructor

Evaluated, developed and implemented Individual Education Plans for students with disabilities