

# Sarah K. Mak, M.S., ATP

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## PROFILE

I have worked in the field of disabilities for over 15 years, in many different capacities. My love for technology brought me to the area of accessibility and accommodations for those with disabilities who want to lead productive lives in work, school, or community involvement through the use of technology. I believe any community is enriched when people from different walks of life have the opportunity to work side by side with one another. Technology is a powerful tool that creates the opportunities for a person with a disability to be fully integrated into their environments.

## EDUCATION

**Masters of Science, Assistive Technology and Human Services**, California State University, Northridge, 2012

**Bachelors of Arts, Deaf Studies**, California State University, Northridge, 1997

## CERTIFICATIONS

**Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) Certification**, Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) 2011-Present

**Master's Level Certification- Assistive Technology Specialist**, California State University Dominguez Hills, 2007

**American Sign Language Transliteration Completion Certificate**, Gallaudet University, 2000

## EXPERIENCE

**Assistive Technology Consultant, sMAKtech Consulting, 2013-Present**

Consulting with schools, non-profits, companies, and individuals to create inclusive environments through the use of technology. Services include assistive technology evaluations, group training, professional development workshops, and one-to-one training on the use of acquired technology.

**Instructor, Assistive Technology Applications Certificate Program, California State University, Northridge Center on Disabilities, 2013-Present**

Content creation and instruction for an internationally recognized certification program for Assistive Technology Specialists. Instruction is provided both online and in person.

**Consultant, Public Education Foundation of Chattanooga, 2013-Present**

Facilitating an "i" Professional Learning Community for K-12 teachers who are working towards integrating technology into their classrooms. Facilitation and training is provided both online and in person.

**Assistive Technology Services Director, Signal Centers, Inc., 2011-2013**

- Maintenance of budget, contracts and grants.
- Management of 5 staff members.
- Direct contact with clients to find technology solutions for a variety of disabilities, including vision, hearing, communication, intellectual, and physical disabilities.
- Seeking out new funding sources and building new community relationships.
- Creating new programming for future sustainability.
- Presenting about technology at various conferences and community outreach events.
- Teaching workshops specific to technology use.

- Creating curriculum using iPads as universally accessible tools in the classroom, work, and home environments.

**Coordinator of Assistive Technology Services, Signal Centers, Inc., 2009-2011**

- Direct client contact, prescribing technology solutions for people with disabilities.
- Maintenance of funding sources.
- Seeking new funding sources through grant writing.
- Supervision of 2 staff members.

**Assistive Technology Consultant, Signal Centers, Inc., 2007-2009**

- Creating Intellitools Classroom Suite software content to support special education preschool teachers.

**Life Enrichment Specialist (Interim), Signal Centers, Inc., 2009**

- Design and implementation of daily activities for adults with disabilities in Signal Centers' Adult Day Services.
- Maintenance of daily logs and weekly reports.

**Educational Sign Language Interpreter, 1999-2001**

- Communication facilitation for a middle school student.
- Advocating for the needs of a Deaf student in an inclusive educational setting.

**PRESENTATION AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- Autism Symposium, Lee University: iPad Accessibility (2011), Assistive Technology for Autism (2010), iPad for Behavior Modification (2013)
- Georgia IDEAS Conference: iPad for Behavior Modification, 2013
- Educational iPad Innovation Initiative with Hamilton County Special Educators, 2013-2014
- P-16 Summit for Transition: Assistive Technology Overview, 2012
- iPad classes for community and educators, 2011-2013
- Intellitools Classroom Suite, various classes, 2002-2011
- University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Guest Speaker for special education classes, 2003-Present
- Chattanooga Autism Conference: iPad for Communication (2011), iPad for Behavior Modification (2013)
- International Conference on Technology and People with Disabilities, ATACP sessions, 2014

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA), Member, 2011-Present
- Youth Leadership Chattanooga, Advisory Board Member, 2013-Present
- Omni Visions, Inc., Advisory Board Member, 2013-Present