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Position

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Education

2000 Specialist in Education, Assistive Technology, University of Kentucky
1991 Masters of Education, Visual Impairments, University of Louisville
1984 Bachelors in Art Education, University of Kentucky

Certification

1999 Assistive Technology Practitioner (ATP) Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America
1991 Endorsement for Teaching Visually Impaired, Grades 7 - 12, Life
1988 Endorsement for Elementary School Art, Life
1984 Provisional High School Certificate, Grades 7-12, Life

Professional Experiences

2011 - 2012 State Coordinator for International Alliance for Invitational Education

2009 - 2012 Part Time Instructor University of Kentucky, Assistive Technology

1997 - 2012 Teacher of the Visually Impaired and Assistive Technology Coordinator, Jessamine County Schools

2008 - 2011 Advisory Council, Kentucky State Personnel Development Grant

2003 - 2005 Reference Site Leader, IntelliTools Classroom Suite, Jessamine County Schools in collaboration with IntelliTools

2003 - 2004 Part Time Instructor University of Kentucky, Assistive Technology

2000 - 2003 Assistive Technology Consultant, Kentucky School for the Blind, Summer Preview Evaluation Team

1993 - 2003 Functional Vision Specialist, Kentucky School for the Blind, Summer Preview Evaluation Team

1997 - 1999 Vision Consultant, Garrard County Public School, Somerset Independent and Science Hill Independent Schools

1991 - 1997 Vision Itinerant, Madison County Schools

1987 - 1991 Vision Itinerant, Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative

Awards

2004 Stella Edwards Special Education Teacher of the Year, Kentucky

Publications

Abner, G., Poppe, K., (2002) IntelliTactiles Pre Braille Concepts™, Interactive tactile overlays for IntelliKeys Keyboard. American Printing House for the Blind.

Abner, G., & Lahm, E.A. (1998) Implementation of assistive technology with students who are visually impaired: Teachers' readiness. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 92(2), 98-105.

Professional Presentations

Abner, G., Owens, J. (2012, January). Buckets of Literacy™. Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative, Prestonsburg KY.

Abner, G., (2010, June), Augmentative and Alternative Communication: Opportunities for Implementation Everyday. Kentucky School for the Blind, Louisville KY.

Abner, G., Owens, J. (2010, March). Buckets of Literacy™, Full day make and take workshop. Central KY Special Educational Cooperative, Lexington, KY.

Abner, G., Owens, J. (2009, June). Technology to Support Early Literacy. Teacher Academy, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

Abner, G., Owens, J. (2009, June). Buckets & Backpacks of Literacy™. Kentucky State Department Of Education, Lexington, KY.

Abner, G., Sampson, K., Miller, A., (2009, November). Buckets of Literacy™. Anchors Kindergarten & International Nursery, Hong Kong

Abner, G., Owens, J. (2008, October). Buckets of Literacy™. Full day make and take workshop. Central KY Special Educational Cooperative, Lexington, KY.

Abner, G., Owens, J. (2007, November). Buckets of Literacy™. Getting in Touch With Literacy Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Abner, G., Owens, J. (2007, January). Buckets of Literacy™ and BackPacks Too! Assistive Technology Industry Association, Orlando FL.

Abner, G., Carroll, J., Owens, J. (2007, January). UDL in the Digital Age. Assistive Technology Industry Association, Orlando, FL.

Abner, G., Owens, J. (2006, January). Buckets of Literacy™. Assistive Technology Industry Association, Orlando, FL.

Abner, G., Owens, J. (2006, January). The True Power of Teaching with Technology. Assistive Technology Industry Association, Orlando, FL.

- Abner, G., Owens, J. (2006, June). Buckets Literacy of™. Full day training make and take workshop. Kentucky School for the Blind, Louisville, KY.
- Abner, G., Owens, J. (July, 2006). IntelliTools Reference Site. IntelliTools Master Institute, Petaluma, CA.
- Abner, G., Owens, J. (July 2005). IntelliTools Reference Site. IntelliTools Master Institute, Petaluma, CA.
- Abner, G., Owens, J. (July, 2005). Buckets of Literacy™. Full day training make and take workshop. Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative, Appleton, WI.
- Abner, G., (December 2005), IntelliTools: Access for Students Who Are Blind or Who Have Low Vision. PATINS Collaborative State Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Abner, G., Owens, J. (January 2000). Explore the Possibilities. Parent Professional Conference, Louisville, KY.
- Abner, G., Edmonds, S., Owens, J. (2000, March). Bucks for Technology. Teaching and Learning Conference Technology. Louisville, Kentucky
- Abner, G., Vencil, P., (July 1997) Building Successful Transition for Special populations with Multiple Agencies. Tech Prep/School to Work Vocational Technical Conference, Louisville, KY.
- Abner, G., Vencil, P., (December 1997) Creating a Future for a Visually impaired Co-op Student. American Vocational Association Annual Convention, LasVegas, NV.