**Niya Hopkins**

Communication Specialist email: mylastsayso@gmail.com  phone: 601-720-5535

Experienced communication specialist for twenty-three years serving as a speech and language pathologist working to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in children and adults.

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| **EDUCATION** |

**Master of Science, Speech Language Pathology**

Illinois State University, Normal Illinois

08/1999~05/2001 Magna Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science, Communication Disorders**

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

08/1995~05/1999 Magna Cum Laude

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| **PUBLICATIONS** |

**Workbook**

***My Last Say So***

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2020

Vervante Publishing

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| **CONFERENCES AND COURSES** |

* American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association Annual Conference (2021, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2014, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004)
* Early Dementia Predictors, Assessments & Interventions 4/2017
* Eating with Ease: Managing Complex Feeding and Swallowing Problems in Children 3/2014 • Caring for Patient with Tracheostomy and Ventilator 1/2014
* Introduction to PROMPT: Technique 11/2012
* Beckman Oral Motor Assessment and Intervention 11/2011
* ServSafe Certification 7/2016

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| **Professional Experience** |

**HZ Therapy, Inc., Jackson, MS**

***President/Chief Executive Officer 2007-present***

• Business Development and Marketing to various educational districts

• Financial Management for company growth and stabilization

• Organization and Implementation of contractual measures and progress

**Jackson State University, Jackson, MS**

**Adjunct Professor August 2023-present**

* Guiding and supervising graduate students in their clinical practicum experiences including direct supervision, planning and coordinating clinical experiences, conducting supervision meetings, observing and evaluating student performance, participating in professional development, collaborating with faculty, and curriculum development.

***Speech /Language Pathologist 2007-present***

• Provide induvial and group speech and language therapy to preschool children with a variety of communication disorders including Autism, Down’s Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, dysfluencies, hearing impairment, and multiple handicaps

• Administer standardized norm referenced speech and language evaluations • Conduct speech, language, and hearing screenings

• Formulate Individualized Education Plans to meet the communication needs of individual clients

**HZ Investments, LLC, Jackson, MS**

***President/Chief Financial Officer 2008-present***

Rental Property Management including daily operations, marketing and filling vacancies, screening prospective tenants, enforcing leases, securing premises and managing yearly property taxes • Performed day to day financial operations including payroll, monthly sales tax, and financial inventory for Archies Fish and Chicken (July 2016-December 2019)

Senior Living Ancillary Services, Inc., Jackson, MS

Speech Language Pathologist 2006-2012

• Conducted therapy sessions with adult patients diagnosed with aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia, dementia and/or dysphagia

• Administered norm-referenced and criterion referenced tests

• Established long- and short-term objectives for adequate life functioning

• Gained Experience in bedside and modified barium swallow evaluations

**Jackson Public School District, Jackson, MS**

***Speech Language Pathologist 2003-2006***

• Assessed, Evaluated, and treated students’ communication skills

• Developed and implemented Individualized Education Plans

• Collaborated with teachers and other professionals to help prevent communication disorders

• Supervised Speech Language Pathology Assistants

• Supervised Graduate Students and Clinical Fellows

**Sta-Home Health Agency, Inc., Brandon, MS**

***Speech Language Pathologist 2001-2003***

• In the client’s home, prevented, assessed, diagnosed and treated speech disorders including language, communication, cognition and swallowing

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| **Certifications/Licensure(s)** |

American Speech Language and Hearing Association Certificate of Clinical Competence 08/2002

Introduction to PROMPT (Physically Restructuring Oral Muscular Phonetic Targets Technique 11/2012

Vital Stimulation 11/20

Mississippi State Board of Health Licensure (Speech Pathology)

Florida State Board of Health Licensure (Speech Pathology)

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| **General/Technical Skills** |

• Project/Campaign Management

• Property/Restaurant Management

• Verbal and Written Communication

• Public Speaking

• Mac & PC proficient

• Microsoft Office

• Adobe InDesign

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| **Volunteer Experience** |

• City of Jackson & Hinds County Community Cleanup Initiative

• MS Outreach Foundation (Non-Profit Organization)

• Political Campaigns

• Stew Pot (Non-Profit Organization)

• Retirement/Nursing Facilities

• Health (Speech, Language, Hearing) Screenings

• Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Twenty Pearls of Canton Non-Profit Organization)

• Big Feet Media

• Hinds County Board of Supervisors District 2 (Public Relations Volunteer)

• Morning Star Baptist Church

• MS Tennis Association (Adult and Junior League Volunteer)

• Jackson Futbol Club