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GEORGIA RELAY HIRES OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Karin Sack Uses ASL, Interpreter Background to Promote Georgia Relay Throughout State

ATLANTA – March 25, 2008 - Georgia Relay, the free public service that makes it possible for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled to communicate with any standard phone user, has named Karin Sack its new outreach coordinator. In this position, Sack will travel throughout the state to promote Georgia Relay's services and programs to various communities and constituencies while striving to increase overall Relay awareness and call volume.

Sack comes to Georgia Relay from Neosho, Missouri, where she worked as a high-school American Sign Language (ASL) instructor and certified interpreter evaluator for the state. As an ASL teacher, she developed an exclusive curriculum that incorporated innovative teaching aids, books and classroom materials and journeyed across the state to promote ASL instruction. In 2006, she was named Interpreter Evaluator of the Year by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf. She served on the Governor's Board of the Missouri Assistive Technology Committee as well.

Prior to her work with ASL students and interpreters, Sack worked for the United States Postal Service in various capacities for over 20 years.

"Karin Sack understands the needs of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities, and she knows how to broadcast those needs to the larger community," explains Michael Russell, Relay Administrator for the Georgia Public Service Commission. "We are very pleased to welcome her and put her vast experience and understanding to work for our users."

About Georgia Relay

A free service administered by the Georgia Public Service Commission, Georgia Relay makes it possible for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled to communicate with any standard phone user. To make a Georgia Relay call, the person with a hearing or speech disability uses a text telephone or other assistive device to reach Georgia Relay. (A text telephone allows people with hearing or speech loss to type their side of the conversation and read the other party's response on their phone's text screen.) Once the Communications Assistant obtains the number to be called and a connection is made, he or she voices the Relay user's side of the conversation and types the words spoken by the standard phone user, relaying the conversation back and forth. For more information about Georgia Relay, visit www.georgiarelay.org or call 1-866-694-5824.