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**Short Biography of Kathy Stafford**  
**AmeriCorps Vista-Employment Specialist**

Kathy Stafford has been actively involved in assisting individuals with disabilities on the Gulf Coast for 20 years. She has worked in the private sector and with the state of Mississippi as a supervisor and vocational training instructor. Kathy has experience in job placement, job coaching, transportation, financial assistance, shopping, entertainment, and many other areas of improvement in the lives of people with disabilities. She has been an integral team member in placing people with disabilities in jobs, and in their own homes.

Kathy has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi, where she graduated with Honors. She was the treasurer of PSI CHI, the National Honor Society of Psychology. Kathy is also a member of Order of Alhambra, a Catholic organization dedicated to assisting people with developmental disabilities.

Kathy is a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast and has participated in many volunteer projects/events to help coastal residents. She has dedicated much of her life to eliminating barriers for individuals with disabilities and making a difference.