

DeAnna, a Southern Deaf belle from Georgia, born into a hearing family, has dedicated her life to advocating for the Deaf and hard-of-hearing communities. DeAnna graduated with a BA in Social and Criminal Justice and an MA in Public Administration from Ashford University. As a Senior Program Associate for Deaf Action, she provides invaluable technical assistance to Deaf and Hearing Anti-violence programs. Before joining AC, she established BRIDGES, GA, as the state's first direct, Deaf-led domestic violence program.

DeAnna's commitment to the community is further demonstrated by her role as the founder and CEO of Diamond Speaks LLC. At this company, she designs and delivers customized training on antiracism, Deaf Black trauma-related issues, and allyship for Black/Brown interpreters. DeAnna is also the CEO of the Sign Your Truth podcast, which gives panelists a chance to be heard and receive the healing they didn't realize they needed. DeAnna is now the Region 3 NAD Representative. She is also a Governor-appointed Commissioner for GA Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

DeAnna's journey is not just about personal empowerment but also about a series of significant professional achievements. In 2018, she was honored with the Gender Justice Award from the Georgia Commission on Family Violence and the Collaborative Award from the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In 2020, she was recognized by Hamilton Relay as a Deaf Community Leader. She also won the ADARA 2024 Bellflasher Award for best presentation. These accolades, along with her belief in manifesting an unbreakable life and achieving greatness, are a powerful testament to her empowerment and determination. She's a happily married mother of 5 and a 3-year-old granddaughter, a testament to her impressive professional journey.

DeAnna believes that her humble mindset has guided her professional journey and has been instrumental in her success.

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Achieve greatness