



March's (2022) **KCDHH Spotlight Q&A** is with Toni Jo Stinson, who is Administrative Specialist II at KCDHH. Stinson's hometown is Cincinnati, OH, where she attended St. Rita School for the Deaf. Upon graduation from St. Rita's, she attended Mt. St. Joseph, also in Cincinnati. Stinson is the mother of Maureen Hadley (husband Troy) and Mae Stinson. She is also grandmother to Luke and his sibling, expected this month. Stinson lives in Louisville.

What department do you work for and what is your role?

I work for KCDHH's Telecommunication Access Program (TAP). My role is to make sure that consumers are pleased with what our program offers to the deaf and hard of hearing community to provide access for their needs.

How long have you been with KCDHH?

I started part-time with KCDHH in 2017 and have been full-time for the past three years.

What have been your biggest accomplishments in your department?

Our biggest accomplishment is having the new database installed for TAP. Hopefully in the future, consumers will be able to use our online program.

What is the most unique part about working at KCDHH?

I feel right at home in a deaf-friendly environment with my deaf and hearing coworkers.

Before working at KCDHH, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've had?

I worked for a daycare center as the Lead Teacher for 13 years. I have also been a caregiver to deaf clients, which was my most rewarding time, nurturing those little, old people.

What has been your favorite project at KCDHH?

My favorite part is meeting new people through networking, outreach, and getting to know who they are and where they work.

What is on your wish list for the next 10 years with KCDHH?

I think I would like to see the 49 states know about our programs and how it applies to their program, especially the Telecommunication Access Program.

What is a hobby or talent you might want to share?

I enjoy watching movies in my spare time and love being a grandma to my grandchildren.