

Kimberly Scherbarth

My name is Kimberly Scherbarth, and I am excited and honored to be appointed to serve as the NFB designee on the NCBVI Board of Commissioners. I was born and raised in Kearney, Nebraska, where I lived until shortly after my husband, Brian, and I were married. Brian and I have 3 awesome children, 1 son and 2 daughters. We had the opportunity to live in Texas and then Hawaii, while he served in the U.S. Army.

I have a degenerative eye condition called Retinitis Pigmentosa. and have always struggled to see, due to loss of both peripheral vision and night blindness. My vision loss was severe from a young age, and I struggle to learn to read, play sports, and many other daily activities, but I did not receive a diagnosis until I was 22 years old. Regretfully, I did not learn alternative skills, such as braille, cane travel and other blindness skills, until much later in life.

After Brian's military service, we settled down in Wisconsin with our young family. I attended the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, where I received my Bachelors of Arts Degree in Psychology and Masters of Science Degree in Educational Psychology, with a community counseling concentration. I worked in the Milwaukee area in the human services field until 2013, when we decided to return to Nebraska.

In 2015, I attended training at NCBVI's training center in Lincoln, Nebraska. I am so grateful for the skills that I learned and am still learning I want other individuals who experience

blindness to gain the skills they need to be successful and I believe in the mission and programs of NCBVI. I look for every opportunity to share the skills I have learned with other blind Nebraskans. I have worked as a temporary and contracted employee for various NCBVI programs, such as Project Independence (PI) Winnerfest, For Your Independence, (FYI), Working and Gaining Experience in the Summer (WAGES), and some non-visual technology skills training with older blind Nebraskans. am a member of the National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska (NFBN). Along with serving as the NFB designee on the NCBVI Board of Commissioners, I currently am a mentor in the NFB Career Mentoring Program, serve on the Nebraska state affiliate board, and am the NFB Newsline Outreach Coordinator for Nebraska. I am currently employed at the University of Nebraska Kearney and I work in the Academic Success Offices, Disability Services for Students.

I look forward to serving on the NCBVI Board of Commissioners.