

BARBARA DENNEY

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Senior UX Designer | Design Systems Specialist | Accessibility Advocate

Design Systems Specialist with 5+ years building enterprise-scale component libraries and driving system adoption across government agencies.. Expert in creating scalable, accessible design tokens, documentation standards, and governance frameworks that enable cross-functional teams to ship consistent user experiences at scale.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Staff UX Designer – VA Design Systems | *Department of Veteran Affairs, Remote* | 2022 – Present

- Supported design team migration from Sketch to Figma and React to Web Components migration
- Built and maintained VADS Figma component library with accessibility compliance
- Authored documentation and component guidance for enterprise-scale design system

Senior Designer – CMS Design System | *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, Remote* | 2021 – 2022

- Facilitated migration from Medicare Design System to unified CMS Design System
- Developed themeable architecture supporting multiple brand identities

UX Designer – Medicare.gov | *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Remote* | 2018 – 2021

- Helped establish Medicare Design System from inception
- Conducted comprehensive component audits and founded cross-functional tiger team
- Implemented design system components that accelerated development timelines

Freelance UX Designer | *Self-Employed, Remote* | 2016 – 2018

- Designed high-fidelity mockups for complex applications, reducing development time
- Utilized Material Design and Foundation systems for multi-platform consistency

Previous Roles | 2009 – 2016

- Web Designer – CDC: Improved data accessibility and implemented federal compliance standards
 - UX Designer – Innoppl & BetterCloud: Created enterprise applications and conducted UX research
 - UX Analyst – Booz Allen Hamilton: Performed usability testing, received two performance awards
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EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, SKILLS

Bachelor of Science – Computer Software Engineering | *Western Governors University* | 2019 – 2021

Associate of Science – Web Design & Digital Media | *Baker College* | 2003 – 2006

Certifications: Advanced Interaction Design (NN/G) • Project+ (CompTIA) • CIW Web Developer

Design Systems: Scalable Component Libraries, Design Tokens, Figma, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Git

UX/Accessibility: WCAG 2.1, Section 508, Usability Testing, Documentation, Guidance

Agile/Leadership: Agile, Stakeholder Management, Design ops, Workshop Facilitation