

IRIS Consultant Biography

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Work History (starting with most recent)

Name of Agency	Date of Employment	Job Title
TMG	5/4/15	IRIS Consultant

Care Responsibilities

Your TMG IRIS consultant is your partner as you create a plan that meets your needs and stays within your IRIS budget. Your TMG IRIS consultant can connect you to resources in your area, and will be a great source of information for any questions you have

Educational Background

Name of Institution	Major/Degree	Degree Obtained	Date Obtained
University of Wisconsin - River Falls	Bachelor of Science - Psychology/Criminal Justice	Yes	12/1/11

Credentials

Name of Certification / Accreditation	Certifying Agency	Date Certification was Obtained
Certified Nursing Assistant	State of Wisconsin	8/1/08

Specialties (e.g., working with autism, the elderly, employment for people with disabilities or youth in transition, mental health, experience with assisted technology)

Prior to coming to TMG, I worked at the Wisconsin Veterans Assistance Foundation/Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the Career Development Center and Clark County Health Care Center. I have experience working with a variety of individuals to help them achieve their goals for employment, education, and housing.

County/Region I'm familiar with

Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Rusk

Languages or Communication Skills

English

I'm comfortable with pets in the home

Yes

More about me

How do you Partner with people to 'clear the path ahead'?

I partner with people within the community to clear the path ahead by showing them that there are ways to achieve any goal that they have set forth. In today's society, there is a belief that there are too many barriers to complete a goal or someone may think they would not be able to be successful. My job is to be a partner to show them that the path can be cleared by education of what's available, collaboration, determination, and a helping hand.

What's your favorite thing about being an IRIS consultant?

My favorite thing about being an IRIS Consultant is the ability to work with a variety of people. Every day is a new day, that is something that I look forward to. I get the privilege to work with students that are preparing for adulthood, adults that are looking to create a better way of life or working with a family to create a care team approach for a loved one. The title of an IRIS Consultant allows me to use every resource that I have available and to utilize creative and unique paths for each individual. Every person is unique in this world, their care plan or goals should be just as unique as they are.

What past experience prepared you to become an IRIS Consultant?

My previous career experience has prepared me to be an IRIS Consultant by allowing me to working within multiple areas of a person's life. I have been able to assist individuals and families that are experiencing housing emergencies and are in need of rental assistance or other assistance available within the county. I have also been privileged to work with those that have served our country; these men and women that have served sometimes have a unique set of needs but they also have a unique set of resources that are available to them. I believe that my work experience prior to TMG has allowed me to create more accurate and holistic plans for the individuals I partner with in the IRIS Program. I am able to identify needs that may be hidden and then we are able ensure that the whole person is being addressed vs just focusing on one or two specialized needs.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

In my free time I enjoy volunteering and scrapbooking. I have a four-year-old Newfoundland; her name is Twinkie. I had her trained as a therapy dog and she now volunteers at the local elementary schools, hospitals, and airport. It is also a little therapy for me at home! I also enjoy scrapbooking. It is nice to look back at the memories and see something that you personally created! Otherwise, I do also enjoy good quality family time with my husband and my daughter. Family is a gift, so I like to spend any time that I can with them.

