

IRIS Consultant Biography

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Work History (starting with most recent)

Name of Agency	Date of Employment	Job Title
TMG	1/26/2015	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
Luther College	Bachelor of Arts in Social Work	Yes	5/1/1983

Credentials

Name of Certification / Accreditation	Certifying Agency	Date Certification was Obtained
Licensed Social Worker	State of Illinois IDFPR (License currently inactive)	1/1/2009

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 for 12 years as a Social Service Coordinator at the DuPage Convalescent Center in Wheaton, Illinois. Therefore, I have extensive experience working with adults with physical and intellectual disabilities and their families.

County/Region I'm familiar with

Walworth

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'?

Partnering with people means learning about your story and finding out what is most important to you and what your goals are. I would find out what is working for you now and what you wish was working better. I would help you make a plan to achieve these goals. I would work with you to help you identify what services and supports are available and help you fit these into your IRIS budget.

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

I love giving people the tools and resources they need to help them achieve their goals. I enjoy getting to know the people I work with and hearing of their challenges, successes and joys. I am thrilled when a service or a provider that we have been working on is set up and ready to go.

What past experience prepared you to become an IRIS Consultant?

My education in social work has prepared me to partner with the people I work with and allow them to set their own goals. I was a caregiver for my grandmother and my mother and learned from them the humbling experience of having to ask and wait for help. I have learned through my work experience of over 20 years of working in home health and long term care settings that the most important thing we can do is listen.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

In my free time, I love spending time with my grandchildren, I enjoy gardening, listening to audible books, my dog and traveling.

