

# IRIS Consultant Biography

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## Work History (starting with most recent)

Name of Agency	Date of Employment	Job Title
TMG	8/25/2014	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 - Stevens Point	Bachelor's - Social Work and Sociology	Yes	2/1/2012

## Credentials

Name of Certification / Accreditation	Certifying Agency	Date Certification was Obtained
Certified Social Worker	Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services	7/1/2013

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

I have previous work experience as a social worker at a nursing home and as a caregiver at residential group home. Therefore, I have had extensive experience in working with older adults and people with various, physical and mental conditions.

## County/Region I'm familiar with

Marathon, Portage

## 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 by hearing what their goals are and helping them identify how to reach them. By partnering with them I am able to provide them with resources they need to achieve their goals. I assist them in becoming familiar with self-direction by providing them with the steps to take. I encourage the person to take control and learn to navigate the system but help them 'clear the path' as they run into obstacles along their way.

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

My favorite thing about being an IRIS Consultant is the opportunity to work with a diverse group of people. Each person is very unique and I like to learn about the individual and what their specific needs, struggles, strengths and goals are. I enjoy that each person and their journey is so different and I am always learning something new about people or how to do things.

### **What past experience prepared you to become an IRIS Consultant?**

My previous experience as a caregiver in a residential group home allowed me the opportunity to have a better understanding of what a day is like for a person with a disability. It helped me prepare for my job as a consultant because I learned to be creative to get things to work for the unique needs of each individual. In my work as a nursing home social worker I did discharge planning and this allowed me to familiarize myself with different types of services and equipment available in the community.

### **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**

In my spare time I like to spend time in Wausau visiting with my family. I also enjoy cooking and trying new recipes. I also knit but this is a hobby I reserve for the colder months and I mainly knit scarves and blankets. In the warmer weather I like to spend as much time outside as possible, I enjoy gardening, camping and kayaking.

