

IRIS Consultant Biography

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Work History (starting with most recent)

Name of Agency	Date of Employment	Job Title
TMG	6/13/22	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
Valparaiso University	Sports Comm and Theology - Bachelor of Arts	Yes	5-2011
Valparaiso University	Sports Administration - Master of Science	Yes	5-2013

Credentials

Name of Certification / Accreditation	Certifying Agency	Date Certification was Obtained
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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 an occupational development center (ODC) as the employment services supervisor in the Northwoods. I also worked at Project SEARCH as a job developer. I have great experience with helping individuals with disabilities consider and obtain community integrated employment.

County/Region I'm familiar with

Oneida, Vilas

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'?

No two people have the same definition of success, and I love helping them navigate their unique journey on their own terms. I look for creative, efficient and innovative ways to clear the path ahead for each person I partner with.

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

Becoming a TMG IRIS Consultant was a big move for me. This meant leaving behind a career that was very enjoyable to me, where I helped individuals obtain and keep employment. I love being able to continue using my community resources to open more doors for those that I partner with to make their journey enjoyable. The self-directed aspect of the IRIS program is why I made the jump, and I use that mentality to assist those I work with.

What past experience prepared you to become an IRIS Consultant?

My past experiences handling large caseloads and specializing in community engagement makes me uniquely positioned to be a TMG IRIS Consultant. My strength is communication and interpretation. I thrive in taking complex concepts and elaborate processes, and then simplifying them and streamlining tasks to make things easier for the people I partner with. My past experience working with a service provider also helps me know what resources are available in the community that I serve, which allows me to better share opportunities with you.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Most of my free time is spent being dad to three wonderful children. When my time is truly my own, I enjoy watching sports, specifically baseball, and reading books about history. I enjoy all things nerdy, including Marvel, Star Wars, and space travel. To clear my head, you can find me on a motorcycle or my snowmobile enjoying the outdoors, or perhaps using my smoker to make delicious BBQ for my family.

