

IRIS Consultant Biography

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Work History (starting with most recent)

Name of Agency	Date of Employment	Job Title
TMG	7/26/2021	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
Ashford University	Psychology/Sociology - Bachelor's Social Sciences	Yes	2-2016

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)

My experience as a case manager working with individuals dealing with co-occurring mental disorders gave me the insight and skills to work with individuals in a goal-oriented capacity. I am confident in working with people to help them achieve their goals and provide relevant resources to ensure their success.

County/Region I'm familiar with

Milwaukee

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 means that I learn about you and your goals, and then together we make an action plan you feel comfortable with to achieve those goals. First, I will work with you to identify services or supports that are available now. This will help you stretch your IRIS budget and get the resources and support you need to reach your goals.

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

I'm a big believer in self-directed care, because it's the path I would choose for myself. It keeps the person using services in control of the things happening around them. I find helping people get the most out of life is rewarding and fulfilling for me. My biggest joys are when a person I partner with achieves something that they've worked hard at or wanted for a long time.

What past experience prepared you to become an IRIS Consultant?

My education was very important, but "real life" experience has been even more powerful for me. As a caregiver for my grandfather years ago, I learned the importance of asking questions and really listening. Sometimes it's hard for people to put into words what they really want because they're not used to being asked. So I work with you to help you find ways to let me know what you really need. I truly enjoy the conversations that lead to learning together.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy exploring the woods and parks near my home. I am also a foodie and enjoy discovering new places and cultures through food. I enjoy listening to music and attending concerts with my friends.

