

IRIS Consultant Biography

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Work History (starting with most recent)

Name of Agency	Date of Employment	Job Title
TMG	8/2619	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	Business Administration - Bachelor of Science	Yes	12-2009

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 over 6 years with people who are disabled, those who are visually impaired, and those who are aging, to help them be informed about, apply for, and maintain government assistance programs. These programs include Food Share, Medicare part B premium assistance, and various forms of Medicaid (regular, MAPP, nursing home, and Family Care / waivers).

County/Region I'm familiar with

Brown, Marinette, Oconto

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'?

In order to be a successful partner, I take the time to first learn about you and your goals. Once those are clear, I will work with you to put together a plan that you are comfortable with. Then, we can start our journey to accomplish those goals in a way that maximizes your services and expands your budget.

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

Self-directing your life is an important thing for all individuals to hold onto for as long as possible. Being able to help people determine their needs and provide a pathway that allows people to create and meet their goals on their own terms is a rewarding feeling for everyone involved.

What past experience prepared you to become an IRIS Consultant?

Working with people who are aging as well as people with disabilities of all ages, situations, and backgrounds has helped me to understand that no matter what obstacles you're facing, striving to lead a life that is as happy, healthy, productive, and rewarding as possible is a goal we're all capable of pursuing.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

My two young children and two dogs consume practically all my free time at home. On weekends, we like to venture out to visit family or take short trips to explore new things.

