

# IRIS Consultant Biography

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## Work History (starting with most recent)

Name of Agency	Date of Employment	Job Title
TMG	10/19/2020.	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
Lipscomb University	Psychology - Bachelors of Science	Yes	8-1986
Springfield College	Human Services - Masters of Science	Yes	5-2005

## Credentials

Name of Certification / Accreditation	Certifying Agency	Date Certification was Obtained
Certified Medicare Counselor	State Health Insurance Programs SHIP, CMS	6-2020.
CRS-A/D	AIRS Information and Referral Certified, Aging and Disabilities	8-1986

## 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 as a long term care options counselor for an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in New Hampshire. I am very familiar with the Medicare Part D annual open enrollments. Also, for the past 15 years, I and have assisted clients with vocational rehabilitation counseling and planning.

## County/Region I'm familiar with

Kewaunee, Manitowoc

## 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 am a firm supporter of all people who empower themselves to be independent and active in their community. I enjoy helping people collaborate with the natural and preferred supports and resources available to them.

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

I am excited to help people work towards their goals, and enjoy seeing these goals to become a reality for people.

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

My background working with people who have various challenges and abilities has allowed me to see things from their individual perspectives. I like to use my expertise to give the people I partner with vital information and encouragement to succeed in their life aspirations.

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

I enjoy being with family, biking and participating in winter activities. I also love music and being an amateur musician.

