

## Independent Facilitator Biography



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4. **Specific areas of expertise:** I am a frequent presenter on the topics of Supported Decision-Making, Person-Centered Planning and Independent Facilitation, Self-Determination and Sexuality Education for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. I hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Northern Michigan University, a Master of Science in Psychology, from Eastern Michigan University and have a Qualified Sexuality Educator designation from Western Michigan University. I have been teaching on the topic of sexuality education for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, for over thirty years.
5. **What unique attributes do you bring to your role as an independent facilitator?**

I have worked with individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their families for over thirty-five years in various positions.
6. **Why do you want to serve as an Independent Facilitator?**

I have seen firsthand, the benefits of Independent Facilitation both from within the behavioral health system and as a member of circles of support, for a number of people, including family members.
7. **Accommodations**
  - a. **Are you fluent in languages other than English?** Yes No
  - b. **Please identify other available accommodations:** I have worked with several individuals with limited verbal ability and have been able to assist their circles of support, find ways to identify their expressed choices.
  - c. **Do you need any accommodations to facilitate your role as a Facilitator?** Yes No
8. **Times of day and geographic locations for which you are available to facilitate:**

Currently, I am available evenings and weekends during my non-work hours to facilitate meetings. In limited situations, I would be able to take vacation time during weekdays to attend meetings.
9. **Virtual Facilitation: Do you have a computer, tablet, or smartphone with internet access?**  
Yes No

### Level of Competency: III (Fully Certified)

Level 3: Independent Facilitator is fully certified to operate as an Independent Facilitator. At this level of skill, the individual has completed the training offered by the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State University and been observed and evaluated as an Independent Facilitator.