

Independent Facilitator Biography

Contact Information

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About the Facilitator

What qualities do you bring to your role as an Independent Facilitator?

I have always enjoyed helping people problem solve, be included in their community and achieve their goals. At a very young age I realized this and knew I wanted to work in education, specifically for people with different abilities, needs and challenges. I am investigative and enjoy researching resources and collaborating with other supportive agencies to help people achieve their goals.

Why do you want to serve as an Independent Facilitator?

As a facilitator in the K-12 school system, I see firsthand how important it is to have proper, ongoing and early facilitation in visions and planning for many individuals. I would love to be able to continue to support planning processes to other areas of my community, beyond the school setting.

What are some skills or expertise that you have as an Independent Facilitator?

I have experience with a variety of planning models and tools including Meeting Mechanics. As a consultant at the K-12th level in schools, I spend a significant amount of time working with school teams and families to solve and plan for students with significant needs - whether it be academically, behaviorally, post-school transition or otherwise.

I have a significant level of experience facilitating workshops and presentations for adult learners and am very comfortable facilitating groups. I participate in several communities of practice as well being a certified trainer in the following:

- Certified Trainer; Effective Practices in Leadership Initiative (EPLI) for the Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START)
- Certified Coach; Critical Friends Group (CFG) from National School Reform Faculty (NSRF)
- National Instructor: Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) and Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) from the National Council for Mental Health Wellbeing

Scheduling Details

Times of day you are available to facilitate: Varies based on date

Days of the week you are available to facilitate: Varies based on date

Geographic locations you are available to facilitate: Ann Arbor and surrounding region

Do you have a computer, tablet, or smartphone with internet access for virtual facilitations? Yes, and I have experience with facilitating meetings in a virtual environment.

Independent Facilitator Level of Competency: Level 1 (Trained) Independent Facilitator has completed the Independent Facilitator training provided by the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute, Wayne State University.