

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 worked 27 years for The Arc Muskegon as an advocate and have facilitated and attended several Person-Centered Planning (PCP) processes. I have training in Independent Facilitation, and I connect very well with the entire team involved in the PCP. I am flexible, creative, and patient. I will work with the person's schedule when planning the meetings.

I have facilitated Person-Centered Planning (PCP) processes for several years, even before I had Independent Facilitation training. I have attended several planning processes over my 27 years employed at The Arc Muskegon as an advocate. I am also trained as a Special education Advocate through Michigan Alliance for Families. This training is also beneficial for Independent Facilitation.

Why do you want to serve as an Independent Facilitator?

My entire career has been working with people with disabilities and I understand the importance of receiving services and having goals for people to have a quality, successful life.

What are some skills or expertise that you have as an Independent Facilitator? For example, are you fluent in a language other than English, have experience with augmentative communication devices, etc.?

My skills are understanding the process and the rights people receiving services have.

Are you a member of any professional organizations or groups? If so, which ones?

Not currently.

Scheduling Details

Do you need any accommodation in your role as a facilitator? If yes, what are they?

No

Times of day you are available to facilitate.

Any

Days of the week you are available to facilitate.

Monday through Saturday

Geographic locations you are available to facilitate.

Muskegon and Ottawa County

Do you have a computer, tablet, or smartphone with internet access for virtual facilitations?

Yes

Independent Facilitator Level of Competency

Level of Competency: I (Trained)

Level 1: Independent Facilitator has completed the Independent Facilitator training provided by the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State University.