

# 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'm a great communicator and listener with a strong voice. I strive to use my voice to advocate for others, including their wants, needs, and goals. I consider myself a problem solver and believe there is a favorable solution to every problem or area of need. I have a never give up attitude and I bring that to the independent facilitation arena. I would be delighted and honored to serve as your independent facilitator—let's get in contact.

### **Why do you want to serve as an Independent Facilitator?**

I believe all individuals, despite a disability, are well capable and deserving of having reasonable goals and achieving them. I'd love to be a voice of reason, and a catalyst for that process. I have hundreds (potentially thousands) of hours spending time with, working, and teaching various individuals with disabilities. This community is something I am passionate about and I would like to continue doing so.

### **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.?**

I have most experience with individuals with Down Syndrome and mental health challenges. I have lots of experience with "non-verbal" individuals and this includes AAC devices. I have a bachelor's degree in Special Education-with a focus in Learning Disabilities but my school training has allowed me to have experience and meaningful interaction with many types of disabilities.

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

National Alliance on Mental Illness "NAMI"

## **Scheduling Details**

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

No accommodations needed.

**Times of day you are available to facilitate:** Varies

**Days of the week you are available to facilitate:** Varies

**Geographic locations you are available to facilitate:** Oakland County, Macomb County, Wayne County, Southeast Michigan, Calhoun County, Jackson County, and surrounding areas.

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

Yes. Zoom proficient as well.

## **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.