

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 with Autistic individuals since I was a teenager, including my brother and my own children. I have also worked as an in-home caregiver. I am very driven to help all people have the opportunity to live a full happy life.

Why do you want to serve as an Independent Facilitator?

I enjoy using my skills and creativity to help others.

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 worked with non-verbal people before in several different types and levels of communication. I have experience with individuals with substance abuse, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders (ADHD), and Bipolar as well as Autism Spectrum Disorders. I am patient and creative. I enjoy listening with my whole self not just my ears.

Are you a member of any professional organizations or groups?

I am on the local and regional consumer advisory council.

Scheduling Details

Do you need any accommodations in your role as a facilitator? No

Times of day you are available to facilitate: I am available most days and times. I can change or adjust my availability on a case-by-case basis.

Days of the week you are available to facilitate: I am available most days and times. I can change or adjust my availability on a case-by-case basis.

Geographic locations you are available to facilitate: I prefer to stay in Montcalm County, but I may be willing to the Alma area (Gratiot 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.