

## 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 25 years of professional experience, and 15 years of personal experience as a parent and advocate, tackling barriers and promoting equality for people with disabilities, their families and their communities. I completed a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and a post-graduate certification in Assistive Technologies. I also hold Bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Developmental Education in which I focused on alternative methods of learning, while teaching in child development centers in Tel Aviv, Israel and San Diego, CA. I am a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC).

I worked extensively with people with disabilities as a career counselor through individual counseling and leading support groups. I provide individual support to families in crisis after a new diagnosis, and consults organizations on creating barrier-free and inclusive environments. I am the co-founder of 1in6 Consulting, a consulting firm dedicated to making organizations and business more inclusive to employees who are caregivers of children with disabilities.

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

I am passionate about supporting other families with CWD as well as PWD. I am committed to helping each individual receive all the necessary support to achieve maximum independence.

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

**Skills:** Counseling, Coaching, Consulting, Public Speaking, Training, Advocacy, Interpersonal Skills, Teamwork, Problem Solving, Social Media and podcasting, Communication, Activism.

**Expertise:** Managing interdisciplinary rehabilitation teams, Group Facilitation, Career Counseling for PWD, Assistive Technologies (low and high tech), Structural accessibility and universal design.

**Are you fluent in a language other than English?**

Yes, I'm fluent in Hebrew.

**Do you have experience with augmentative communication devices, etc.?**

Yes, I have extensive experience with AC devices and working with other AT devices, as well as working with individuals who are non-speaking or non-verbal.

**Are you a member of any professional organizations or groups?**

I'm a member of the Access to Community Committee of the Midland Foundation, and the founder of the Midland Parents of Children with Disabilities.

**Scheduling Details**

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

**Times of day you are available to facilitate:** 9AM-6PM

**Days of the week you are available to facilitate:** Monday-Thursday

**Geographic locations you are available to facilitate:** In-Person in Midland County, other locations- via zoom.

**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.