# **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 am a highly motivated, go getter and I will bring that quality to my role as an Independent Facilitator. I am also an understanding person, and I am a little quirky.



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

I want to help people live a full life. I want people to live the best life they can live. I can be creative and identify resources that a supports coordinator may not be aware of in our community.

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

I can use plain language, to communicate complicated terms in a simple and accessible format. I tend to understand complicated challenges and get creative on finding a solution. I can help people that don't communicate traditionally by offering creative options for them to express their ideas.

Are you a member of any professional organizations or groups?

No

## **Scheduling Details**

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

**Times of day you are available to facilitate:** I am available after 4 pm, but if you give me a week's notice then I have more flexibility.

Days of the week you are available to facilitate: Monday through Friday

**Geographic locations you are available to facilitate:** Houghton/Hancock area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. If meetings are convened virtually, I have more geographic areas I can serve.

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

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Yes, my computer, tablet, and smartphone all have internet access.

## **Independent Facilitator Level of Competency**

**Level of Competency: I (Trained)** 

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