

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 many years of lived experience with the Community Mental Health (CMH) system. I bring cultural humility, empathy, team building skills, and a strong desire to education and information about possibilities. I am a huge advocate for Self-Directed supports.

Why do you want to serve as an Independent Facilitator?

I am interested in helping other families learn about the Person-Centered Planning process. I am interested in sharing the available planning tools to develop a plan *“to live your best 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.?

I am the parent/guardian of an adult who is non-verbal. We both are learning Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). We use pictures.

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

Oasis Community of West Michigan, Mental Health Association in Michigan (MHAM), Partners Advancing Self-Determination – Ottawa County, Michigan Legislative Disability Caucus

Scheduling Details

Do you need any accommodations in your role as a facilitator? No, I do not need any accommodations.

Times of day you are available to facilitate: Prefer afternoons and evenings

Days of the week you are available to facilitate: Willing to schedule weekday and weekends, if necessary

Geographic locations you are available to facilitate: The Counties served by Lakeshore Regional Entity PIHP, which include Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, Oceana, Lake, Mason, and Allegan Counties. I am willing to facilitate in other communities, if requested.

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

Yes

Independent Facilitator Level of Competency

Level of Competency: II (Intern)

Level 2: Independent Facilitator has completed the Independent Facilitator training provided by the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State University and is currently facilitating under the guidance and monitoring of the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute.