

# 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: I (Trained)**

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