

# 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 one family member and an individual that I previously supported that I support them in their everyday life. I also have been in the role of a Support Coordinator and Supervisor where I mentored Support Coordinator staff.

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

The reason why I want to be a facilitator is to continue to make a difference in the lives that are supported through the CMHs of Michigan. I believe in people first so that the person feels listened to, feels empowered and has control of their lives along with their circle of support.

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

Areas I feel comfortable with are Self-Determination, which includes Self-Directed budgets, Community Living, Person-Centered Planning, and person-focused supports. I am also fluent in American Sign Language (ASL).

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

I have been associated with People First, Autism Alliance of Michigan, Brain Injury Association of Michigan, Alzheimer's Association of Michigan, Hearingloss Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness.

## Scheduling Details

### **Do you need any accommodations in your role as a facilitator?**

I am currently deaf, but I can read lips, and I have a transcriber on my cell phone.

**Times of day you are available to facilitate:** The times would be what works for the individual and their circle of support.

**Days of the week you are available to facilitate:** The times would be what works for the

individual and their circle of support.

**Geographic locations you are available to facilitate:** Allegan County, Ottawa County only in the Holland area

**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.