

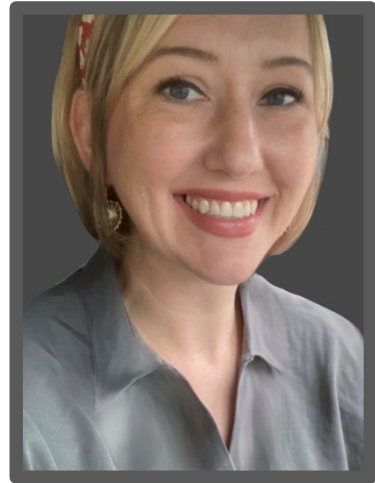
Independent Facilitator Biography

Contact Information

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About the Facilitator

What qualities do you bring to your role as an Independent Facilitator?

I am willing to learn and listen; when it comes to knowing what you want, you are the expert.

While it is serious and can feel daunting, especially at first, the independent facilitation process should be affirming and exciting! We are working together to create the life you want.

Why do you want to serve as an Independent Facilitator?

Choice and autonomy are fundamental human rights. I am honored to play a small role in helping others create a vision for their future while connecting them with the resources and information to make it happen.

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

I believe that neurodiversity is to be respected (which is reflected in my approach to independent facilitation and person-centered planning), and I have lived experience as a parent of an individual with a disability.

Are you a member of any professional organizations or groups?

- Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS): Contractor, supporting the implementation of youth crisis stabilization units (YCSUs)
- Statewide Parent Advisory Committee, the Association of Children's Mental Health: Member
- Michigan Parent, Advocate and Attorney Coalition (MiPAAC): Member
- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA): Member
- Michigan Alliance for Families, LIPA (Leaders in Policy Advocacy): 2024 Cohort
- Michigan PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) Support & Resources: Administrator
- Michigan Advocates to End Seclusion & Restraint (EndSaR): Volunteer.

Scheduling Details

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

Times of day you are available to facilitate: Morning, afternoon, and some evenings

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

Geographic locations you are available to facilitate: Kent County, West Michigan

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.