

IRIS CONSULTANT BIOGRAPHY

Consultant Name: Lu Ann Desotelle



Company Name: Connections
An IRIS Consultant Agency by Lutheran Social Services

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Work History (starting with most recent)

Name of Agency	Date of Employment	Job Title
Connections IRIS Consultant Agency Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc.	April 8, 2015	Connections Team Leader and IRIS Consultant

Care Responsibilities

IRIS Team Leader and IRIS Consultant - work as an IRIS consultant and as part of a team to train and support IRIS Consultants

Educational Background

Name of Institution	Major/Degree	Degree Obtained	Date Obtained
University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee	Education/Recreation Therapy	Yes	12/1979

Credentials

Name of Certification/Accreditation	Certifying Agency	Date Certification was Obtained
Certified Functional Screener	University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing	3/2005

Specialties (e.g., working with autism, the elderly, employment for people with disabilities or youth in transition, mental health, experience with assisted technology)

I have worked with adults of all ages in a variety of settings and capacities such as: a rehabilitation hospital as a therapist with individuals who have experienced a spinal cord injury, brain injury or stroke, a community recreation center as a program director with individuals with developmental disabilities, autism and mental illness, a Senior Center as the director, and most recently in Door County Human Services for 20 years as a case manager with adults with intellectual disabilities, behavioral challenges, brain injury and mental illness.

County/Region I'm familiar with

Northeastern Wisconsin, Kenosha and Milwaukee areas

Languages or Communication Skills

English

I'm comfortable with pets in the home



Yes

More about me

I have learned that each of us has our own dream of the most meaningful and successful life. Sharing in the dreams of others and witnessing their growth and fulfillment has been the greatest joy for me. I have been privileged to be a part of people realizing their dreams; small dreams such as owning a garden plot in the community garden, attending church with a friend or finding a caregiver who really understands. And big dreams like owning a Habitat house, getting married or reconnecting with family. I also help people fulfill dreams such as finding a good job, joining a committee, service club, church group or community organization. I have learned that community projects, special events, committees and activities are more interesting and meaningful when all members of the community are included. All of these things and more are possible when people make have control and choice. I am very excited to help people realize their dreams through Connections!

I live in Door County with my husband, our son and our pets, where we own and operate Appletree Boarding and Grooming Kennels. I enjoy getting together with family and friends, gardening, outdoor sports and fitness, dancing and sewing.

