

# IRIS CONSULTANT BIOGRAPHY

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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.	October 23, 2017	IRIS Consultant/IRIS Consultant Team Manager

### Care Responsibilities

Provide support and resources to the IRIS participants I partner with, and also support a team of IRIS Consultants on a daily basis.

## Educational Background

Name of Institution	Major/Degree	Degree Obtained	Date Obtained
UW Milwaukee	Sociology	Yes	5/1998

## Credentials

Name of Certification/Accreditation	Certifying Agency	Date Certification was Obtained
Certified Nursing Assistance	State of Wisconsin Nurses Aide Registry	10/1992

**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 had the pleasure of working with youth transitioning from high school as they figure out what they would like to do as they adventure on in their lives. I have experience working with people with varying physical and developmental disabilities, at home and in community and employment settings to include Project Search. I appreciate and am respectful of working with elderly folks who desire to continue to be independent and live in their own homes with support of family or friends. I have enjoyed being a part of supporting people in employment goals as well as teamed up with people and their families to be a part of the communities they enjoy being part of. I also have experience working with people who have Down Syndrome and Autism, as well as people who have a mental health diagnosis. I am also experienced teaming up with people with Renal Failure and have an understanding the challenges they face including transportation to and from dialysis. Finally, I have personally cared for and supported my grandma with Alzheimer's and my mom with Vascular Dementia.



**County/Region I'm familiar with**

Counties in Southeastern Wisconsin, including Milwaukee County, well as Central and Western Wisconsin Counties

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**Languages or Communication Skills**

English

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**I'm comfortable with pets in the home**

Yes

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**More about me**

I am grateful and feel privileged to work with people in the IRIS program and feel my life experiences have prepared me to be successful in my career in IRIS. In my younger years, I was very active in team sports, learning the importance of being a part of a team to achieve goals, and the importance of considering how working together and trusting others improves opportunities for personal growth and success. I have worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant, providing hands on cares to people with all different types of needs. This was a humbling experience, as people would share with me how difficult it was to allow others to assist them with daily tasks. Then as I got older, I lovingly cared for my grandma, who I adored, as she lived out her life with Alzheimer's, enhancing my understanding of the dynamics of being a family caregiver. I have worked in the Health Care and Social Services field for 30 years, and have truly appreciated people trusting me and allowing me into their life journey. When I am not working, I enjoy going on adventures with my family, I particularly love to hike with my toddler grandson who is the joy of my life, we love finding and collecting bugs and stones. I am also a passionate advocate for rescue animals, particularly dogs, and enjoy cooking shows and trying new recipes.

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