

# IRIS CONSULTANT BIOGRAPHY



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## Work History (starting with most recent)

| Name of Agency                                 | Date of Employment | Job Title                           |
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| Midstate Independent Living Consultant's, Inc. | September 1, 2010  | SDS Coordinator, AFS Screen Liaison |

### Care Responsibilities

As the MILC-ICA SDS Coordinator I will be supervising the IC's as well as working in the IC capacity of supporting IRIS participants working towards empowerment to make informed choices with their long term care goals.

## Educational Background

| Name of Institution | Major/Degree | Degree Obtained | Date Obtained     |
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## Credentials

| Name of Certification/Accreditation | Certifying Agency   | Date Certification was Obtained |
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| Certified Work Incentive Counselor  | Social Security Administration – WIPA National Training Center at Virginia Commonwealth University<br>Date Obtained - 04/2011 | Enter Month/Year.               |
| Work Incentive Benefit Counselor    | Employment Resources, Inc. – Stout University of Wisconsin<br>Date Obtained - 03/2011   |                                 |
| LTC Adult Functional Screener       | DHS<br>Date Obtained - 03/2016  |                                 |

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

Prior to working with MILC I had 15 years of experience working in the school system with youths in the LD/ED classroom. I then accepted a position as a professional facilitator for youths in a court mandated group



home. This gave me experience with youths in transition struggling with mental health issues. When I started with MILC I was employed as an Independent Living Consultant. My responsibilities included working with individuals, at any age, with any disability, to make informed choices about their disability-related needs by providing information, training and support. I completed home assessments, assisted individuals with assistive technology (AT), taught independent living skills, and supported self determination through self advocacy. I then took on the challenge of becoming a certified work incentive counselor which gave me more experience with AT needs assessment, understanding Social Security benefits, education and assistance in appeal process, and also in identifying career goals/barriers, as well as removing barriers. I am very familiar with supports and services through out Northern Wisconsin

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

Wood, Portage, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Waupaca, Outagamie, Winnebago, Fond du Lac

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**Languages or Communication Skills**

Have work with individuals with hearing impairment/deaf to gain amplified communication equipment, experience with; using a Translator, TTY system, and breaking barriers to communication.

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

Yes

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**More about me**

Family is important. I like antiques, cooking, and taking my dog for walks. To de-stress I enjoy long lingering mornings. My favorite hobby is decorating – I have even been hired (2 times) to decorate for weddings and special events.

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