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## Spotlight

### Michele Lohmeyer, CEO

Michele is CEO and Managing Owner/Partner of Connections Case Management, LLC.



#### What led you to the social services field?

My degree is in Financial Counseling and Planning. I had always worked in the banking/mortgage lending field until my life changed in December of 1999 when I gave birth to twins. My twins were born 15 weeks early and weighed in at 1 pound 8 ounces. Unfortunately, my daughter did not make it and my son required early intervention services through First Steps. After the birth of my children, I stayed home with my son so that I could help him get caught up developmentally. Once he turned 3, I went back into the mortgage lending field for a very short time. It did not take me long to realize that my heart was no longer in the business field. My journey in the social services field started when I took a job with First Steps, and it continued to grow from there.

#### What is a random fact about yourself?

I was in a commercial with Drew Brees when I worked for Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union. I was a background actor, but I like to think I have had my 5 minutes of fame.

#### What do you love most about your job?

I love the Connections team. I am truly blessed to be working with the greatest advocates in the field of waiver services. Being a part of this team is an honor and I wear the Connections name with pride. Helping our individuals to achieve their goals and being able to make a difference in their lives is something that inspires me every day.

#### What is a favorite pastime you enjoy?

I love spending time with my kids, whether it be going hiking, playing with our animals, or just watching movies. I also enjoy gardening and spending time outdoors.

#### Do you have pets?

Yes, I have a dog, Ollie, and three cats that my daughter brought into our family.

~ Michele