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Spotlight

Molly Russell, Resource Coordinator

Molly responds to, addresses, and collaborates on urgent interventions as needed. She provides mentoring and training support to case managers for unusual or sporadic situations, as well as monitors and tracks incident reporting and trends. Molly provides case management to Johnson and surrounding counties.

What led you to the social services field?

For me, the question I am often asked is not only what led me to social services, but what keeps me here? I was led by the nose to the social services field at a young age and without awareness that working in social services would become a lifelong passion. While I was in grade school, I became an advocate although back then I had no idea what being an “advocate” was.

Advocacy was not what the school called it when I was growing up, believe me. While I was busy having words with the grade school bullies in my “playground office,” the school administrators were trying to figure out what to do with me. I had a bleeding heart for those kids getting picked on. It upset my being, to the core, that they were being chastised for not being like everyone else. My playground office meetings landed me in a beautifully decorated principal’s office – often! Thankfully, this led to an early High School graduation to work in a “segregated special needs school” as a one-to-one teacher’s aide. I was an aid for the most amazing and beautiful 3-year-old little boy. This little gift was visually impaired with a long list of other diagnoses although he knew nothing of that. He knew how to get everyone’s attention and all of his needs met, quickly at that! Really, I thought of this kid as my hero and as a genius! And off I went to let everyone know about it! I was mentored by the principal of that school to take my passion and use it in a way that could make a difference for others. And so, it began.

I have grown and matured during my work in the field, starting in High School, through college and the following decades. So many different roles, and lessons learned from those I have been fortunate to serve. Lessons that changed me for the better. I learned grace. I developed hope. I watched true strength in action, love in so many forms, resilience, and perseverance. I consider myself blessed and fortunate to have been witness to so much “Good Stuff”. With that said, I also never question what keeps me here.

What is a favorite pastime you enjoy?

Spending time and doing most anything with my people. This would primarily be my family, close friends, and our dogs. Our grandchildren own my heart! In my spare time, I enjoy putzing around the house or spending time in nature. I love projects and always have a few going. I feel accomplished when finishing household projects although I am tickled taking trash and turning it to treasure, gardening and digging in the dirt, making jewelry with cool tools, taking classes of interest, and making/creating all sorts of goodies with the grandkids.

~ Molly

