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## Spotlight

### Amanda Sparks, Field Operations Manager

Amanda provides daily operational support to supervisors and case managers in the Northwest Quad and Marion County. Amanda provides case management to Hamilton and surrounding counties.



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

I have always been passionate about working in this field and serving those with disabilities. I have an older brother with Autism that is on the waiver as well and he is a HUGE reason why I am so passionate about this field and who lead me to work in this field and help others. I grew up witnessing how hard working my parents are and loving when it came to helping my brother and witnessing that really drew me into this field and wanting to help other individuals/families and make an impact on their lives as my brother has made on mine.

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

My favorite animal (besides dogs) is a dolphin! Ever since I was little, I have loved dolphins and have always been fascinated by them and how smart they are!

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

I think what I love most about this job is seeing my individuals/families succeed and further their independence. I love talking to people about their "Good Life" and seeing that happen and become a reality for them is really cool! Not only do I get to be a part of their journey and make an impact on their lives, but my individuals also make an impact on mine daily and remind me of my why.

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

I love traveling and going to see live music with my husband! We love seeing our favorite bands and discovering new bands/singers as well.

#### Do you have pets?

DOGS! We have two dogs, Callie (German Shepard) and Peyton (Korean Jindo/Huskey Mix). I am a huge dog lover and for now, they are our very spoiled kids, and we love them very much...a little too much! 😊

~ Amanda