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Spotlight

Mindy Dupler-Singer, Supervisor

Mindy is a case management supervisor for West Central Indiana. Mindy provides case management for the FSW and CIH Waivers.

What led you to the social services field?

I have always enjoyed helping others. I had an opportunity to explore this field further with the birth of my oldest child who has special needs and is served on a waiver. I knew pursuing this path would be both beneficial for her and for me to know better how to advocate for her and stay up on programs and services that could benefit her, our family and others.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I am a beekeeper and allergic to bee stings.

What do you love most about your job?

I love watching those that I support grow. Growth isn't always easy and watching someone overcome barriers to success is the most rewarding part of my job.

What is a favorite pastime you enjoy?

My happy place is being with my family. Fall is my favorite season. I love everything about the harvest season. Especially the crisp air of fall, anything apples and pumpkins, Friday night lights, flannels, and bonfires.

Do you have kids or pets?

I have both. 3 kids, 3 cats, and 2 dogs. (Plus, the farm animals)



~ Mindy



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Tracy Creek, Case Manager

Tracy serves Boone and surrounding counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.

What led you to the social services field?

I've always enjoyed helping others and wanted to be a teacher when I was 8 years old. I taught preschool and elementary school in Arizona for a total of 10 years. I worked in the schools in Lebanon, Indiana as an Instructional Assistant and Substitute for 3 years before changing fields to work outside of the school system and serve Individual's with disabilities in their home and community.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I was born in San Diego, California. I have 58 houseplants; 24 different varieties. I enjoy the arts and design.

What do you love most about your job?

Serving as an advocate for Individuals with disabilities brings a greater purpose to my life. I love seeing the Individuals I serve grow, learn new things, and reach their goals. I have THE best coworkers and support system at Connections.

Do you have kids or pets?

I have one son who is 34 years younger than I am. He is the light of my life. We have a cat, three turtles, a toad, and two fish tanks he has stocked with fish from the local creek. We also have a variety of local creek critters during the warmer months including crawdads and snakes.



~ Tracy





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Courtney Glasson, Case Manager

Courtney serves Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, and Wabash Counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.

What led you to the social service field?

A friend of mine had a mental health crisis back when I was in high school. Experiencing that really opened my eyes and brought out a sense of empathy for others and their individual situations that I did not have, at least not in the same way, previously. Looking back, I believe that event was a major catalyst for me starting down this path.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I once owned pet frogs. Strange but true.

What do you love most about your job?

I love hearing positive stories about how a service that I helped to get started has changed someone's life for the better.

Tell us a favorite pastime you enjoy?

I really enjoy fishing and kayaking. And no, not the whitewater rapids kind of kayaking. For me, it's definitely true that there's a reason they call it fishing and not catching. I just like being out on the water.

Do you have a career success story to share?

While I can't take credit for the successes of the individuals I serve, I do feel a vicarious sense of accomplishment and joy when they achieve something that they have been working toward. With persistence, determination, and the support of his team members, an individual I work with recently passed his driver's permit test. He hopes to be able to expand his employment possibilities once he can take himself to and from work. He has made some amazing strides within the last couple of years as he continues to gain confidence in himself. The entire team is excited to see him spread his wings and see where he decides to go from here.



~ Courtney



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Sydney Kruse, Case Manager

Sydney serves Boone and surrounding counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.



What led you to the social services field?

While I did change my major to social work in college my previous degree track was in a social service field as well. I have always been the person that makes sure others are okay, checking in on them and offering support. I love helping others achieve the dreams they have. I worked at an early childhood center during college and my internship/practicum was at a local elementary school in Brown County.

What is a random fact about yourself?

Two of my best friends are also named Sydney.

What do you love most about your job?

The best part is witnessing individuals meet their goals and set new ones that they are excited about. I love the smile on their faces and how proud everyone is of them. It is an incredible feeling seeing growth. I also love witnessing new experiences that individuals go through, for example, a trip they have wanted to go on forever or living on their own for the first time.

Do you have pets?

My husband and I have two cats, Griffy and Ivy. I am a big animal lover, especially cats.

Do you have a career success story to share?

One of my favorite success stories was helping a family receive a particular safety bed for their child. It took a really long time, and it was denied at first, but we never gave up and kept trying to make it happen.

~ Sydney



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Kris McKinney, Case Manager

Kris serves Tippecanoe and surrounding counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.



What led you to the social services field?

I have a passion for helping people. I started my career in social services working with at risk teens. I have experience working with all different age ranges. I have worked at BDDS allowing me to gain knowledge and experience with the waiver. Throughout all my experience I have gained knowledge that allows me to better serve the individuals and families I serve. I realize every individual is different and I hope to foster that difference to help them be as independent in their lives as possible.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I do not have a bone in one of my toes, so it is shorter than my pinky toe. I tend to stumble sometimes because of it.

What do you love most about your job?

The Connections family is so welcoming and committed to helping you succeed. I love the flexibility that Connections offers. All my colleges are super friendly and ready to assist in any way they can. No day is ever the same. I am learning every day. I love finding new ways to better help the individuals I serve. The Connections team is wonderful about sharing networking opportunities for families.

Do you have kids or pets?

I have two cats and 3 dogs. I have 2 Great Danes and one Lab. They are all three black with L names. I have three kids. I have a 22-year-old girl, 19-year-old girl and an 18-year-old boy. My 22-year-old is going to school to be a teacher. My 19-year-old is going to school to be a nurse, and my 18-year-old is going to school for welding.

~ Kris