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Spotlight

Tylen Baker, Supervisor

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



What led you to the social services field?

It all started when I was attending college (going to a different field of study) and needed a weekend job. I stumbled upon a job opening in my town for a weekend position working at a group home. The job entailed working a 40-hour work shift from Friday to Sunday straight. I absolutely loved this, yes it was challenging at times, but I realized that this was something I was slowly starting to be passionate about. Fast forward a couple of years and I moved to Indy where I was lucky enough to work at a day program for our individuals. I got to see another view of this community that made me become even more passionate. I knew then that I would want to make working in this field, in some capacity, part of my life.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I am vegan! I have been vegan going on 17 years now.

Do you have a career success story?

One individual that sticks out to me is one I took over not too long after starting case management with Connections. He was an individual who was involved with DCS and was in residential placement. He worked hard to complete what he needed to do there and was able to be released back home! DCS is no longer involved in his case, and he is working on completing his GED, as well as, starting to work on his driver's license!

What do you love most about your job?

I honestly love being able to see progress in the individuals that I serve. I love to be able to connect a family/individual to a service that genuinely benefits them.

Do you have kids or pets?

I have 2 cats (my children if you will) who are so vastly different from one another. My youngest cat, Luna, is feisty, loud (if you hear a cat in the background of my Teams calls, it's him!), and a total ball of energy. While my other, Abdul, is a little older of a cat who just wants to chill in the sun and look out the window. He also gets quite annoyed with Luna who always wants to play with him. It's a big brother little brother type of relationship.

~ Tylen



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Jolie Capps, Case Manager

Jolie serves Johnson and surrounding counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.



What do you love most about your job?

I enjoy spending time with our individuals. Especially getting to know them, what their personal goals are and helping them work toward those goals. The best part of Case Management is watching our individuals achieve goals important to them.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I love to volunteer with the small social groups through Autism Community Connections. This year the groups have a goal of giving back to the community and are starting services projects, one of which is making blankets for local animal shelters.

Do you have kids or pets?

I have three dogs. Louie who is 13yrs old, Royal who is 5yrs and Quinn who is 2yrs old. All three are rescues. Having three crazy dogs helps me bond with the individuals on my caseload. They really love looking at pictures of my dogs and watching videos of them playing or sneaking treats.

~ Jolie





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Tial Men, Case Manager

Tial serves Marion and surrounding counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.



What led you to the social services field?

Ever since I was a kid, I have always been passionate about helping others and I love the idea of being considered a dependable person. Growing up, I enjoyed assisting friends and families with resources and opportunities that are out there. This is when I realized I belong in the social services field and have never looked back.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I am originally from Burma. I speak Chin and English fluently.

What do you love most about your job?

I love being able to provide resources and opportunities that help people achieve their goals. I find my job very rewarding and love what I do.

What is a favorite pastime you enjoy?

I love spending time with my family. In the summer, we spend most of our time camping, boating, and swimming! We also love hiking trails at different state parks.

Do you have kids?

My husband and I have a 16-month-old girl who has brought so much happiness to our family. I love being her mom and seeing her explore and learn new things every single day.

~ Tial



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Stephanie Perrine, Case Manager

Stephanie serves Marion and surrounding counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.



What led you to the social services field?

Life in general led me toward social services. It was not just one moment or one specific situation that led me towards my career now, but a buildup of years and experiences. I have been through points in my life where I needed help, witnessed times where others needed help, and witnessed times where others needed help but were unable to get it. I have always felt that I can be that person that tries to help, I can be that advocate that cares about how others are treated, speak out for other's needs, and just be supportive to ensure others do get the help they need.

Do you have a career success story?

I have had the honor to work with some amazing individuals and families over the years. Throughout my career I have been able to see just how much a little support can go a long way. There is one individual that truly comes to mind when I am asked this question. I had the pleasure to meet this individual when they were just starting a new chapter in their life. I was able to see them battle their own mental health, overcome homelessness, and discover their own goals and dreams. I was able to see teams come together and support them in whatever goal they had. Being able to truly see others overcome barriers and gain their independence while watching a team come together and support them is a wonderful thing to witness.

What do you love most about your job?

I love being able to utilize my experiences and education to help others. I have learned so much in my years in mental health and social services and being able to share that knowledge with others is a wonderful feeling. I am also able to continue learning and am always challenged to learn more.

Do you have kids or pets?

I am the mom in a big, blended family. My husband and I moved in together a few years ago and in joining brought together 5 children, 3 dogs, and 3 snakes. Since living together we have grown to add another dog and a bearded dragon. I love days spent with my family and pets, although it appears in the pictures on my phone that I love the time with the pets more and wouldn't trade my zoo for anything. One of these days I will add goats and horses to our zoo, but not just yet.

~ Stephanie



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Danielle Taylor, Case Manager

Danielle serves Marion and surrounding counties for FSW and CIH Waivers.



What led you to the social services field?

I graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies. I am a people person and I love meeting and working with new individuals and their families. I am nurturing and caring and feel invested in those I serve. It is important to me that everyone I meet feels loved and valued.

Do you have a career success story?

I was a stay-at-home mom for years. I thought that I had been out of work for too long and I would not be hireable. In 2015, I was offered my first Case Management job and I am still here and loving every minute of Case Management. Connections is a wonderful company where I feel supported, validated, and appreciated. I could not ask for a better work environment. I love Case Management.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I love taking pictures! It drives my family crazy, but I have over 18,000 pictures on my phone and 1000's of photos on my computers and saved on discs. I want to capture life as it is happening and reminisce on the memories that occurred.

What do you love most about your job?

I love to visit with my individuals and make them smile and laugh. I love assisting my individuals with finding new services, work with dedicated service providers and enjoy the services they are receiving.

Do you have kids or pets?

My husband Greg and I have 3 kids. Jackson, Savannah and Stella. They are the absolute loves of my life. I am so blessed to be called a mother. I have 2 dogs and a turtle. My Pitbull's name is Blue Ivy and my Shorkie's name is Pepper Cuddles Nugget Taylor. Our turtle's name is Tex.

~ Danielle