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Spotlight

Kelie Killu, Supervisor

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

What led you to the social services field?

During my childhood, my mom was an EMT and as a result, worked 24-hour shifts. I spent a lot of time with one of her best friends who happened to be a group home supervisor. If I was at her home and she got called into work, I went with her. It was one of my favorite things about spending time with her-that I got to spend time with a bunch of new friends too!

What is a random fact about yourself?

My hubby is from Kenya, and we were able to visit in 2022 and plan to go annually. I also have house plants in every room of my home but prior to the pandemic had NONE! Thanks, COVID!

What do you love most about your job?

The best part of being a case manager is empowering the individuals I work with to live THEIR idea of their BEST life and help them figure out how to get there. There is nothing better than watching someone realize their potential and live out their dreams!

Do you have a career success story to share?

Honestly, I have so many, I don't know where to start. Being in this field for as long as I have, I have watched many of the individuals I serve grow up! I've celebrated everything from graduations, college acceptances, new jobs, to marriages. I just simply love celebrating life with those I serve!

Do you have kids or pets?

My husband and I have three wonderful children: 2 daughters, Lena and Lyric, and a son, JaCoi. My bonus daughter Lena has three children as well (Zaidah, Zeniyah and Zeke), making me a Nana, which I enjoy so much! We also have 2 dachshunds (or weenas/weens as we refer to them) Jaxson & Ziggy who we love and spoil as much as we can!



~ Kelie



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Candice Cheek, Case Manager

Candice serves Hendricks and surrounding counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.



What led you to the social services field?

Growing up I always felt like I had a very blessed life. I was able to recognize from an early age that not all the kids were as fortunate as I was. I would volunteer, and work with any mental health organization I could find in the 80's. I found myself loving to be with people and knew that was my calling. I went to school and have a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. During my tenure in social work, I have worked with many populations and have loved every minute of it. Even when it was extremely stressful, I have found a way to find my happiness in my work! They say if you love your job, you don't really work, that is how passionate I am about Social work!

What is a random fact about yourself?

I helped my Grandpa raise his alligator until my grandfather passed away. Babie was her name, and she was 7 feet long when my Grandfather passed.

What do you love most about your job?

Connections has by far been the most supportive agency I have ever worked for! They truly care about their employees and individuals that we serve!

Do you have kids or pets?

I gave birth to three kids, two boys 25, 29, and one girl, 18. I also helped raise my stepsons who are now 30, and 31. I am now a Grandma of one girl!

~ Candice



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Spotlight

Emily Dippold, Case Manager

Emily serves Hendricks and surrounding counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.

What led you to the social services field?

An inquisitive nature paired with the desire to help others. I knew that I was adopted growing up and saw my parents volunteer at a number of events, so I got the chance to interact with some social workers and be inspired by their stories.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I have a secret obsession with slushies and smoothies. I feel that a fresh fruit smoothie is excellent self-care for the body and recently invested in a nugget ice maker to make my own.

What do you love most about your job?

I love the ability to make connections and also learn about other individuals. Everyone has unique quirks and interests that make them “them” and it is fun to establish relationships through learning and building upon these.

Do you have kids?

I have three boys ages 14, 9 and 4. My 4-year-old has Type 1 diabetes and we are currently in the process of researching the process of obtaining a service dog that can help detect and alert to sugar levels!



~ Emily



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Spotlight

Annamaria Farmer, Case Manager

Annamaria serves Marion and surrounding counties for the Aged & Disabled, Traumatic Brain Injury, FSW, and CIH Waivers.



What do you love most about your job?

Being able to provide supports for the people I assist.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I have never been out of the United States!

Do you have a career success story?

Seeing an individual who either lost their ability to care for themselves or struggled with self-care their whole life gain some independence in a task or activity is incredible.

Do you have pets?

I have two dogs – a chihuahua named Kai and a chihuahua named Nika. I also have a white cat named Tucker.

~ Anna



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Laura Gann-Edwards, Case Manager

Laura serves Hendricks and surrounding counties for the FSW and CIH Waivers.

What led you to the social services field?

I love to help people. From a young age I have wanted to help others. So, when it came time to pick something to study in college it was any easy choice.

What is a random fact about yourself?

I love old movies. My favorite movie is Funny Face.

What do you love most about your job?

I love being able to see someone through their successes in life, big or small. If it is important to them, it is important to me.

Do you have a career success story to share?

I recently had an individual that has been on my case load for 8 years get accepted to Erskine Green Training Institute to study cooking. I have watched this young man grow up. He is a fantastic young man.

Do you have kids or pets?

I have two cats, both strays, and one dog, a Great Dane. I have three children ranging in age from 1st grade to a freshman.



~ Laura



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Spotlight

Morgan Tucker, Case Manager

Morgan serves Vigo and surrounding counties for FSW and CIH Waivers.



What led you to the social services field?

I have always been the type of person to want to help others, to go above and beyond to make sure others are taken care of. I want others to be able to believe in themselves and know that they can do anything.

What is a random fact about yourself?

The random fact about myself, would be that I love to clean. I cannot sit down and focus until my entire house is clean.

What do you love most about your job?

Fighting for my individuals. Fighting for their rights and their goals.

Do you have kids or pets?

I have a 14-year-old bonus teen and an 8-year-old. We have 1 Pitbull, 1 Great Dane and a barn cat.

~ Morgan