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**Role:**

As the manager of the DTA, my job is to ensure we are providing the best service we can for our adults. I will train and assist staff throughout their day, I will make great efforts to best support all staff to know they are best supporting all consumers. I will work with families, guardians, and their Support Coordinators to create functional and meaningful goals for all.

I also oversee and assist with other DDD funded programs offered here at L.I.F.E. I work with families and Support Coordinators as it pertains to DTT/DTS.

**Career History:**

I have been lucky to work in different settings since August of 2008, serving children and adults with developmental disabilities. I have been with L.I.F.E. since July 2013 where I started as a habilitation provider in the community and then later in the adult program on campus. I quickly fell in love with the values and support L.I.F.E. offered to not only the clients but also to staff and I felt privileged to become and serve as a teacher in the academy, later growing into Student Services Supervisor. I have recently moved into this new role as DTA manager. I'm very excited for this adventure and will strive to serve all to the best of my ability.

**Personal Teaching Philosophy:**

*"Love what you do and never work a day in your life"*  
- Unknown

**Personal:**

I have been married to my best friend for almost 4 years now and when we are not at work, you can find us chasing around our crazy wild daughters. In 2015, while I was teaching pre-school within the L.I.F.E. Academy, I had a student that at the time was in search of her forever home. Little did I know this little girl would become a huge part of my husband and my life. We adopted her in 2017 and she is now our daughter! As a family we enjoy weekends at home hanging out with our family and going camping when we can! We absolutely live for football season and the Arizona Cardinals; we won't miss a game.