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Role:

I am the Interdepartmental Executive Manager of Policy and Procedures in the Behavioral Programming and Support (BPS) department. I support the BPS department with the development of management systems, and seeking out best practices to support staff and the families served within the department. I also directly supervise all the 1:1 behavior technicians (RBT/BT).

Career History:

I have been a dedicated L.I.F.E. team member since the organization opened in 2007.

Prior to L.I.F.E. I have always had a passion for helping children. I started off my career in the day-care setting and eventually became a pre-school teacher. During this time, I also volunteered as a family service advocate in which I facilitated family supervised visits, in hopes of fostering positive relationships between children and their parents.

I became intrigued with the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in 2005, when I participated in the Jump Start Program at SARRC, after my own child was diagnosed with autism. Using the methods I was taught in the program, I was able to see the great impact of utilizing the ABA principles in teaching new skills and managing behavior.

When L.I.F.E. opened in 2007, I became an ABA habilitation provider. I had a strong desire to assist children with special needs develop their skill repertoire using ABA principles. Over the years, I have supported the organization in various roles. When the BPS department was initially formed, I was an integral part of developing departmental processes and continue with helping to manage the department today.

Education and Special Certifications:

- M.A. in Applied Behavior Analysis with an Emphasis on Autism, Ball State University, 2014
- M.A. in Human Resources Management, Ottawa University, 1999
- B.A in Psychology, St. Mary's College, 1993

Management Philosophy:

I strive to develop a positive culture within the department in order to shape expectations for staff that align with L.I.F.E.'s mission, vision, and values.



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Personal:

I am a native of Northern California. I find joy in participating in gatherings with immediate family as often as I can. I am blessed with a loving husband and two kind-hearted children. I enjoy listening to music, watching movies, and playing various games with my children. My personal passion is to assist L.I.F.E. in developing an extensive support system to positively contribute to the lives of L.I.F.E. clients and their families.