

# The Quarterly Review

## PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Hello! This is the first edition of “The Quarterly Review” - published by your QIDP team. We are affectionately referred to as the “Q”. We hope you find this newsletter informative and meaningful. Happy reading!

## WHAT IS A QIDP?

- QIDP is an acronym that stands for Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional. At MWC, each “Q” is assigned a case load and he or she is responsible for developing, coordinating and monitoring the Individual Program Plan (IPP) of each person.

## WHAT DO MWC QIDP’S DO?

- Here are the basics: the “Q” will facilitate an Annual meeting for your loved one, serve as an advocate for him/her and address any of your concerns. The “Q” will balance all the services your loved one receives such as nursing, DT/school, and therapies. The “Q” will also write and monitor training programs.
- A “Q” will ensure that you have all of the information you need to make informed decisions for your loved one.
- For example, the “Q” can assist with the guardianship process, work with the school district to coordinate educational services and facilitate hospice services if/when that time comes.
- In short, a “Q” is responsible for making sure that your loved

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# YOUR QIDPS

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I am a certified Special Education teacher. In 1981, I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Special Education from MacMurray College. In 1985, I completed my Master's degree from NIU in Education with an emphasis in Individuals with Severe/Profound Disabilities.

I began working at Little Angels as a direct care worker in 1976 and continued to work through college. I started as a Special Education teacher in our on-site educational program after finishing college. I became the Director of Education until we closed our school program and opened our Developmental Training Program in 1993.

I transitioned into the role of Resident Services Director and QIDP. I later moved into the DT Director position and finally Program Director of the Wasmond Center. I was fortunate to find a career and a place to work, which I loved from the start. There is nothing else I would rather do than spend time with your loved ones to help them learn and enjoy life.

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I was born and bred in *America's Dairyland*. Go Pack Go!

I traveled to the *Bluegrass State* for my first year of college but returned to the "Land of Cheese" to finish my Bachelor's in Therapeutic Recreation at UW- La Crosse.

After college, I spent one year working with at-risk youths at Home Away, Inc. in the land of *10,000 Lakes*. I wasn't happy so I moved to the *Sunshine State* to be near my parents.

In 1985, I landed my dream job. I worked with six creative, fun TR Specialists in Head Injury Rehab. Together, we were voted, the "Best TR Department" in the State of Florida. Those were the glory days!

After about 6 years or so, I started yearning for the Midwest and the change of seasons. In 1993, I made it as far as the *Land of Lincoln* - Elgin actually. Just down the road a piece was a nursing home called Little Angels. Ever curious, I called and weaseled an interview with Tammy for a part-time "Q" position. The rest is history. "25" years later, I still enjoy coming to work every day and seeing my "peeps".

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Hi! Please call me Lizzy. I have worked at the Wasmond Center for almost a year & a half! I have a BS of education from Judson University, and am working on my MSW from Aurora University. I live in Elgin & I love shopping at Target, working out, playing softball, drinking coffee, sleeping & Pinterest. My favorite part about working here is the residents! It's hard not to love coming to work each day! :)

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Hello! I was born and raised in the Phoenix area. My older brother has autism. Helping him and spending time with other individuals his providers worked with taught me a great deal and sparked my fire for this field.

I earned my Bachelor's in Psychology at the University of Arizona (go Wildcats!), and then my Master's in Psychology at Grand Canyon University. In Arizona, I worked one on one with kids in their home teaching life skills.

I got married in 2012 to a guy I met online! I introduced him to this field and now he is a recruiter here at Marklund!

We packed up everything and our tiny dog and moved to Chicago in 2014. I love it here. No, I don't miss the Phoenix heat. Yes, I love the snow! We had our son, Edison (Eddie) in September of 2015. We love spending time together and going to Disney!

# CASE LOADS

Tammy
Ian C.
Patty D.
Cheree H.

Lizzy			
Frank B.	Laura G.	Shaun M.	Rocio S.
Veronica C.	Eric G.	Jesus M.	Octavia T.
Amanda E.	Michele H.	Anthony M.	Bryan U.
Nicole E.	Tyler H.	Evan O.	Darren W.
Karen E.	Stephanie J.	Larry P.	Asia W.
Javeze G.	Mikey K.	Faith R.	Aaron W.

Julie		
Jeremiah A.	Maritza F.	Donald P.
Alissa B.	Francisco F.	Patrick R.
Tyree B.	Alexander F.	Nathan R.
Britany B.	Amanda G.	Symone U.
Madison D.	Ashley H.	Akira W.
Matthew D.	Eduardo L.	
Jalen D.	Andrew M.	

Kim	
Calvin A.	Brittany M.
Kirsten B.	Yury M.
Joe C.	Maggie N.
Sobia H.	Edna P.
Jennifer K.	Brandis R.
Brittany K.	Diane S.
Mike L.	

## COMMUNICATION SURVEY

A communication survey was recently distributed asking families/guardians to identify their preferred methods of communication. We wanted to share the results with you. We received a total of 15 responses.

- 9 families liked communication via US mail, and 3 requested that it be their primary source of communication. 11 families liked communication via email, and 7 of those families listed it as their primary method of communication.
- A couple families have registered on the parent portal, and a few said they might in the future.
- In addition, a few families were interested in a closed group on social media, and 11 families appreciated the “phone blitz” reminders.

We wanted to share this information and acknowledge that it was helpful to know the easiest and best way to communicate with you! If you have any additional communication methods that you would

Thanks for reading our first quarterly newsletter!

We are here to help. Please reach out with any questions or concerns!

