

# - DSP Spotlight -

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## Kyle Sanford



### What do you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy playing video games, spending time with my family and my 2 year old nephew, and driving around finding new places.

### How long have you worked as a Direct Support Professional?

I have worked as a DSP for almost 12 years.

### How did you start in the field?

I had a friend who was also very passionate about helping people and he suggested working in this field. I had been a teacher to many individuals, teaching them how to read sheet music, cooking and other things before I considered it a job. I have always been a friend to them.

### Has there ever been anyone that has stood out to you as a mentor in this field?

I'm not sure if I have a mentor in the field per se, but I do have a few family members that have helped me understand this community more in depth.

### What is your favorite thing to do with the people you serve?

My favorite thing to do with the people I serve really depends from person to person. I will say one of my favorite things I do as a provider is open the horizons of others. I want to open the world to the people I serve and show them there's so much fun out there. I've taken them to markets, I've gone to Special Olympics bowling tournaments with them, I've taken them to a hibachi grill, and we have even gone a candy factory. The possibilities are endless if they know where to look. The world is their oyster.

### What is your favorite part of being a Direct Support Professional?

My favorite parts of being a DSP are watching the interactions, and seeing how little things can make a world of difference for these guys and gals. I enjoy seeing them reach beyond their limits and experience excitement when they meet their goals. Being able to help and assist them with those goals is a feeling that's hard to match. It's a job that fills your soul.

**What makes Kyle such a great DSP?:** "Kyle is extremely dedicated and a hard worker. He took the time to get to know me personally and does the same for his other clients." - TP

**Thank you for your outstanding contributions to helping people with developmental disabilities and their families in Medina County. Thank you for sharing your dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others every single day.**

