

- DSP Spotlight -

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Briana Blythin



What do you like to do in your free time? I enjoy spending time outside in nature, playing video games, eating yummy food, and of course spending time with family and my best friend and boyfriend Steven.

How long have you worked as a Direct Support Professional? I've worked in this field for a little over 5 years.

How did you start in the field? A family friend recommended that I apply. I'm so happy that I did!

Has there ever been anyone that has stood out to you as a mentor in this field? Honestly, there have been a few. I really look up to people who have huge hearts and a lot of patience and understanding for the individuals we serve. Steven Fowerbaugh is an awesome example of a truly compassionate DSP.

What is your favorite thing to do with the people you serve? Anything that can put a smile on their faces, whether that be expressing creativity through art, playing games or going on nature walks. I also love helping individuals reach goals and see their full potential.

What is your favorite part of being a Direct Support Professional? The best part of being a DSP is that it is such a selfless job. There is so much purpose with being a DSP. You get to be a caretaker, a friend, a shoulder to cry on and so much more. I've met so many amazing individuals who have taught me more than I could have ever imagined. The friendships that come with this "job" are everlasting.

What makes Briana such a great DSP?: I have worked with Briana since 2019, and in 3 years, she has shown immense compassion, understanding, and commitment to the people we serve. She goes above and beyond to ensure quality of care. When Briana is helping people, she's not thinking about a paycheck, or when she can go home. The only thought on Briana's mind is "What can we do next? How can we improve this person's life?" Briana truly cares for people and only wants to help, everything else is secondary. Briana deserves recognition for her dedication to individuals, and her tenacity for supporting them to achieve their goals.

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.

