

# - DSP Spotlight -

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## Darlene Toth



**What do you like to do in your free time?** In my free time, I enjoy spending quality time with my family. I also enjoy gardening.

**How long have you worked as a Direct Support Professional?** I've been a provider for about 12 years.

**How did you start in the field?** My very first client made me realize this is where I am supposed to be.

**Has there ever been anyone that has stood out to you as a mentor in this field?** The person that has helped me the most would be Courtney Jordan. Without her, I'm not sure if I could have gotten this far. She is always such a big help no matter how big or small my question or problem is.

**What is your favorite thing to do with the people you serve?** One of my favorite things I do with my clients is go bowling every week. We get together as a group and always have such a good time.

**What is your favorite part of being a Direct Support Professional?** My favorite thing about spending time with the people I serve would have to be the smiles on their faces. When I see their smiles, I know I'm doing my job.

**What makes Darlene a great DSP?** Darlene has been providing NMT for my son since April 2022. She has developed a wonderful, supportive relationship with both my son and myself. Her service is accommodating and timely. She has a beautiful sense of humor that my son will share with us, which is a rarity because he does not communicate something unless it has made a BIG impact on him. She treats everyone with respect and has fun in the process. Darlene has made a positive impact on all of our lives, making them better because she is now part of them! This is why I am nominating her for this recognition.

**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.**

