

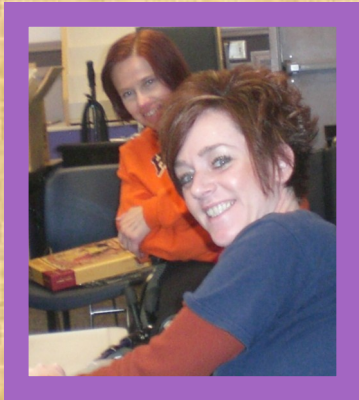


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CONNECTIONS, INC.

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Supporting
people with disabilities

in their efforts to lead

Independent,

fulfilling, productive lives

Since 1925

Meet our Staff!



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Our Directors...



Lesia Pikaart - Executive Director

(517) 998-3082 Lesia@disabilityconnect.org

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Leadership and management of disAbility Connection, Inc. and disAbility Connections Foundation of Jackson.



JoAnn Lucas, LMSW - Associate Director/Psychotherapist

(517) 998-3094 JoAnn@disabilityconnect.org

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Assist the Executive Director in all aspects efficiently and effectively managing the organization.

Provide counseling support to individuals with disabilities and/or family members of people with disabilities

Support Staff



Lora Bigcraft - Resource Manager

(517) 998-3081 Lora@disabilityconnect.org

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30

Provide information, assistance and referrals to people with disabilities. Oversee the disAbility Connections' Durable Medical Equipment Loan closet and Fix-dis DME repair. Manage ramp program, facilities and website.

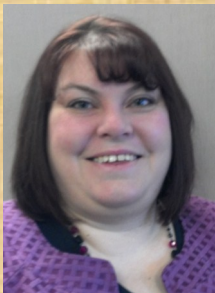


Brenda Bobon - Independent Living Counselor

(517) 998-3084 Brenda@disabilityconnect.org

Mon 9:30 AM to 4:30PM, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Assistance with Independent Living Plans (LPS's), counseling, independent living skills. Transportation advocacy. Supervises Wellness Group which from April to November. Quality Assurance.



Tricia Bortell LLBSW - Disability Guide

(517) 998-3096 Tricia@disabilityconnect.org

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (may vary depending on client availability)

Assist individuals with disabilities in achieving their desired level of independence, identify and eliminate barriers to independence and self-sufficiency, help individuals access and navigate state systems including public assistance.

Support Staff Continued



Carole Briggs - Respite Coordinator

(517) 998-3079 carole@disabilityconnect.org

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Coordinates in-home respite care program for children and adults with special needs. Runs monthly Jackson Parkinson Support Group which meets second Tuesday of each month from 6:15-7:45.



Cindy Carlson - Development Specialist

(517) 998-3090 Cindy@disabilityconnect.org

Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Fund Development / Fundraising



Cyd Collins - Data Support/Accounts Receivable Specialist

(517) 998-3085 cyd@disabilityconnect.org

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Job Description: Assist the Finance Director with receivable accounts for Loan Closet clients and Respite program. Provide support to reception desk and telephones.



Jim Cyphers - Independent Living Specialist

(517) 998-3083 Jim@disabilityconnect.org

Tuesday - Friday 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Specializing in working with individuals, at risk of being homeless, navigate the Social Security system. Public transportation advocate.



Angel Futrell - Customer Relations Specialist

(517) 998-3091 Angel.Futrell@disabilityconnect.org

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM & Wednesday 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Greet visitors and assure that callers and customers are given correct assistance and equipment through the Loan Closet. Perform administrative duties, oversee front desk volunteers and assist with quality assurance tracking.

Support Staff Continued



Jon Hart - Youth Training and Assessment Coordinator

(517) 998-3092 Jon@disabilityconnect.org

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Teach Michigan Rehabilitation Services / Jackson County ISD referred students work habits through onsite jobs and assessing monthly progress, adjust strategies and advise students with different methods to improve their performance based on evaluations and daily observation.



Shawna Hayes BSW - Disability Guide

(517) 998-3093 Shawna@disabilityconnect.org

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (may vary depending on client availability)

Assist individuals with disabilities in achieving their desired level of independence, identify and eliminate barriers to independence and self-sufficiency, help individuals access and navigate state systems including public assistance.



Cathy Heins - Michigan Alliance For Families - Parent Mentor -

Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale and Jackson Counties *(office in disAbility Connections)*

(517) 998-3088 cathy@michiganallianceforfamilies.org

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Friday by appointment

Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF) is a non-profit organization that assists families with children with disabilities from birth to age 26. Mentors offer one-on-one mentoring, group and webinar trainings & information and referral. Visit our website www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org



Dave Kalen - Equipment Technology Youth Trainer

(517) 782-6054 dave@disabilityconnect.org

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Works with youth training program teaching simple equipment technology /machine repair.



David Klenk - Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

(734) 677-1207 klenkd@michigan.gov

Monday - Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM

Provides Michigan Rehabilitation Services' customers with assessments, follow up and guidance to determine skills, training and employment needs resulting, when appropriate, in the development of an individualized employment plan.

Support Staff Continued



Allan Lewis —Durable Medical Equipment Support

Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sanitizing and maintaining order of equipment in the disAbility Connections Equipment Loan Closet.



Kimberly Parker - Vocational Coordinator

(517) 780 -7450 ParkerK11@michigan.gov

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Provide students with disabilities with skills and experience in work environments through assessment, training, and on-the-job experiences. Work with local employers to establish work experience sites and facilitate student success during placements.



Holly Peterson - Parent Education & Resource Coordinator

(517) 998-3097 hollyp@disabilityconnect.org

Monday & Wednesday 8:45 AM to 5:00 PM at disAbility Connections
Thursdays at Kit Young / Lyle Torrant Centers

Work with families of children of all ages with disabilities, offering peer supports, advocacy, transition and community resource connections. PERC Coordinator, run GOGOs social group, agency graphics design, special events and newsletter production/editor.



Daniel Ramey - Nursing Facility Transition Coordinator and Veterans Administration Supports Coordinator / Specialist

(517) 998-3086 DanR@disabilityconnect.org

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Flexible)

Help transition Medicaid Participants that reside in a Nursing Facility in Lenawee & Washtenaw Counties back into the Community.

VA supports in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program contracting through the Veterans Administration. (Must be a Chapter 31 VA referral).

Support Staff Continued



Parrish Stahl - Community Outreach & ADA Specialist

(517) 998-3089 Parrish@disabilityconnect.org

Monday - Wednesday 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Represent disAbility Connections in the community and answering accessibility related questions. Keeping our Facebook presence updated. Handles general disability related & advocacy information requests.



Dana Vance - Veterans Administration Supports Coordinator / Specialist

(517) 998-3087 Dana@disabilityconnect.org

Monday and Wednesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Working with Veterans in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program contracting with the Veteran's Administration. (Must be a Chapter 31 VA referral).



Carmon J. Yeloushan - Nursing Facility Transition Coordinator

(517) 998-3080 Carmony@disabilityconnect.org

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Work with consumers that want to transition out of a nursing facility into community based living, barriers will be addressed. Serving Jackson & Hillsdale Counties. Medicaid insurance accepted for this program.



Cathy Yori - Finance Director

(517) 990-6813 CathyYori@disabilityconnect.org

Monday (work from home) 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM Tuesday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Responsible for financial reporting and monitoring of income and expenses for disAbility Connections and Foundation. Prepares payroll for employees and supports all programs.



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