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EXPERIENCE

Direct Support Professional (DSP), Pride Inc., Bismarck, ND — 07/2019-Present

- Working with kids who have disabilities (include Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, and others) and helping them achieve their goals set by their OT, PT, therapist, or another professional
- Training in new employees with the kids
- Helping the kids with things such as changing, eating, their schoolwork, and many other things

Instructional Aide II –Horizon Middle School, Bismarck, ND — 11/30/2020-Present

- Supporting the implementation of Individual Education Plans and/or 504 Plans for the purpose of assisting teachers in planning for and conducting learning activities for students with special needs.
- Transitioning, positioning, and transporting students
- Implements, under direction, a variety of processes (e.g. student behavior intervention plan (BIP), learning contracts or reinforcement systems, and using these all with students to manage inappropriate student behaviors, including aggression and self-injury using proactive and responsive strategies, etc.) for the purpose of managing and improving appropriate behavior of students, including crisis intervention.

Peer Tutor, Billings Central Catholic High School, Billings MT — 01/2018-05/2018

- Tutor other children in whatever subject they needed help in
- Primarily worked with kids struggling in biology, English, and math
- Occasionally helped children struggling with history, religion, or chemistry

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education, Spring 2022
University of Mary, Bismarck, ND

High School Diploma, May 2018
Billings Central Catholic High School, Billings, MT

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- Youth of the Year Nominee
- Academic Letter (All 8 semesters of high school had a GPA higher than 3.5)
- Secretary of the Excel Club
- 4th Place for Best Speaker at MUN Conference
- Dean's List at the University of Mary (Spring 2019 & Spring 2020)