

# Delores Sallis

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## Objective

For everyone of all ages with intellectual or developmental disabilities to have knowledge – to know how to ask and receive services and not be afraid to receive services. To teach families what they need to say or ask doctors, teachers, or other professionals to get what they need.

## Experience

2015 – Present

Founder | Parent University | Milwaukee, WI

I have 150 active families. There are 3 components to Parent University based on the age of the child: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Once a month each group comes together to socialize and learn. Families get information that meets them where they are at. They learn about and get connected to resources, special education, future planning, and many other things. Together we can make plans that value their skills and introduce the family to new challenges and a promising future.

1986 – 2018

Caregiver | Peace Residential Group Home | Milwaukee, WI

I helped run a group home and provided caregiving on all shifts.

1979 – 1986

Head Teacher | Head Start | Rockford, IL

I taught children in Head Start and served as a model for new teachers. I got donations to meet the children's needs.

## Grants/Contracts

- Families Supporting Families grant and COVID-19 grants from the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

## Awards & Acknowledgements

- Parent Education Award – Circles of Life Conference 2015
- Heart Award – Disability Rights Wisconsin 2017
- Outstanding Parent – Circles of Life Conference 2021
- Die Hard Award – Self-Determination Conference 2021
- Recognition in newsletters –The Arc of the United States, Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative, Disability Rights Wisconsin