

# - DSP Spotlight -

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## Brenda Hoovler



**What do you like to do in your free time?** I enjoy spending time with my family; I have three children and three grandchildren, and I also take care of my parents. Additionally, I love travelling and going on “day trips” with my husband.

**How long have you worked as a Direct Support Professional?** I have been a DSP at Intervention for Peace for 8 years.

**How did you start in the field?** I needed a job and like taking care of people, and I was able to find a job in this field.

**Has there ever been anyone that has stood out to you as a mentor in this field?** Yes, Kathy Manning. She also worked for Intervention for Peace and helped get me started.

**What is your favorite thing to do with the people you serve?** I enjoy taking them out into the community and spending time with them doing the things they enjoy, such as going to Jesus Prom, the Halloween Dance and Special Olympics Bowling.

**What is your favorite part of being a Direct Support Professional?** My favorite part is supporting the individuals and seeing them achieve their goals. Currently, I work 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts and I am trained with 17 different individuals.

**What makes Brenda a great DSP?:** Brenda goes above and beyond for the individuals she serves here at Intervention for Peace. Though her kind heart, thoroughness, and dependability are admirable, it is her approach with individuals that shines brightly. Brenda focuses on positive supports and never fails to share even the smallest victories with the team. This approach allows ALL staff to celebrate these victories with the individual, building a positive, supportive, and overall happy environment for the individuals she serves! This type of environment builds motivation and confidence in the individuals to complete their goals and increase independence.

**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.**

