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My name is Kellie Smith. I have lived in Central Kentucky for the past 18 years, but Leslie County will always be "home". I have a 22 year-old with a Traumatic Brain Injury and our road has not been easy. As a young single mother in Leslie County, I had a difficult time finding resources and desperately needed assistance in my home town and even in surrounding towns. I really had no idea what services were really *needed*, much less how to find and access them. I felt completely alone. I left Leslie County in 2001 in pursuit of a better life for him. My goals are to educate parents that are in the same position that I found myself in all those years ago and still often find myself in today, connect them with valuable resources and opportunities to assist their child live their best life and to make sure that they know they are not alone. My position as Training Coordinator allows me to make contact with and train professionals that work with our families as well as train parents on how to access the services available. I communicate very well with individuals with disabilities, especially those with cognitive delays. I am an excellent "ear-to-listen" and supporter of the parent and support professionals of individuals with disabilities.

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