

CARES Specialist: Northeastern Region

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Jenny, Teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, brings innovation and fortitude to her CARES Specialist role, with more than 19 years of experience in the field of Deafness and 14 years in Early Intervention. Jenny has taught within the public school system; plus she was part of the initial UNHS initiative in Wisconsin, taking part in the Wisconsin Sound Beginnings (WSB) Birth to Three Consultant training (2001). As a result of her knowledge and expertise working with very young children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families, she has worked as an independent consultant to WI Birth to 3 Programs throughout NE WI since 2002. She also is the Founder and Director of a nonprofit organization that serves as a specialized resource for families with deaf and hard of hearing children and the agencies that support them.

Jenny received her BS in Education from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, #805 Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Pre K-12 (1996). Her commitment to professional excellence includes Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infants, Toddlers and their Families (ITF): Collaboration and Leadership Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate (2015), Gallaudet University; and Professional Preparation in Cochlear Implants (PPCI) (2011), Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Smith College and Clarke School for the Deaf Philadelphia.

Jenny resides in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She is a member of the United Way Brown County Community Partnership for Children (CPC) Workgroup and Wisconsin Families for Hands & Voices.