

What is the Parent's Role?

Parent actively participates to:

- Identify activities, and learning opportunities the child and family enjoy
- Try out some of the practices talked about with the coach
- Decide which practices work or what needs to be done differently

Parent's responsiveness to their child is key to promote improved child participation.

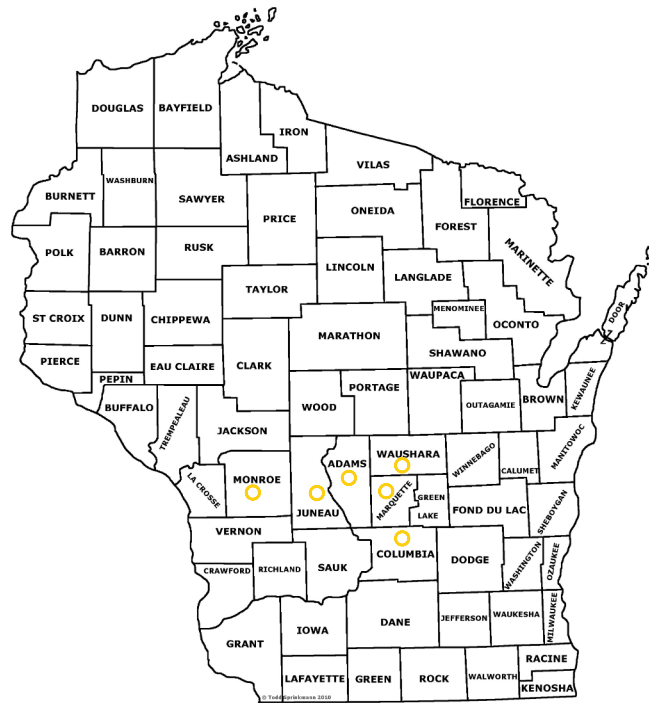
What is the Early Interventionist's Role?

Primary coach supported by a team of skilled professionals. Primary coach visits regularly to:

- Explore activities, learning opportunities, & practices with the parent
- Try out some of the practices talked about with the family
- Find out which practices work & what might need to be thought about differently with the team



Portage Project B-3 Program County Service Area



**Adams * Columbia * Juneau
Marquette * Monroe * Waushara**

Building Upon the Evidence:

Primary Coach Approach to teaming –
“...assigns one member of a team as the primary coach, where he or she receives coaching from other team members, and uses coaching with parents and other primary caregivers to support and strengthen their confidence & competence in promoting child learning and development.”

Shelden & Rush

<http://www.coachinginearlychildhood.org/pcateamingintro.php>

Meet Your Birth to 3 Team Monroe County



Birth to 3 Guiding Principles

- Children's optimal development depends on their being viewed first as children and second as children with a disability
- Children's greatest resource is their family
- Parents are partners in any activity that serves their children
- Just as children are best supported within the context of family, the family is best supported within the context of the community
- Professionals are most effective when they can work as a team member with parents and others
- Collaboration is the best way to provide comprehensive services
- Early intervention enhances the development of children

Your Monroe County Birth to 3 Team



Catelyn Craven
Special Educator

After graduating from UW- Eau Claire with a degree in communication sciences and disorders, I decided to shift my focus to special education and work as a paraprofessional at a local high school for 2 years. That's when I decided to pursue my degree in special education. I worked as an early childhood/ elementary special education teacher for 5 years when the opportunity for change came my way. I knew I wanted to continue working with children in special education, so when the position opened up, I was intrigued to learn more. I am passionate about early intervention and building relationships with families. I'm excited to see what the birth-to-three world has to offer!



Samantha Furman
Speech Language Pathologist

I received my bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders & Psychology from UW-Stevens Point in 2014. I completed my Master's degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders from UW-Eau Claire in 2016. I joined CESA 5 in September 2018, and I am currently a speech therapist in the Birth to 3 program serving Monroe County & Adams County.



Kelli Schlegel
Speech Language Pathologist

I attended undergraduate college at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL and graduate school at UW-Stevens Point, studying communicative disorders. I have been working as a speech-language pathologist since 2013 and working as an early interventionist since December of 2014.



Sarah Kravick
Child, Family, Marriage Therapist

Marriage & Family Therapist providing consultation & reflective supervision for the Portage Project since 2010. I completed the Infant, Early Childhood & Family Mental Health certificate in 2012. I'm also trained in Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP). In addition to the work I do with the Portage Project, I provide support to families & young children in my clinic, Compass Counseling. There is something so special about the first years of life & I enjoy sharing this with families and their young children. Early relationships matter!



Kassi Olerud
Occupational Therapist

I graduated from UW-LaCrosse in 2011 with my master's degree in OT, and my bachelor's degree in psychology. We have 3 young kiddos and watching them learn, play, and grow is one of life's greatest blessings. I have a passion for working with children; helping them achieve their highest potential and enjoy life to the max is what it's all about!



Aryn Slack
Physical Therapist

I have an undergraduate degree in studio arts. I worked 9 summers with Courage Camps in MN with children with a variety of abilities & disabilities, where I also learned American Sign Language. At UW-La Crosse, I obtained my doctorate in Physical Therapy, and I couldn't imagine a job I could love more.



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The importance of early relationships & the impact these experiences have on the developing brain continues to interest me and keeps me in this field.

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