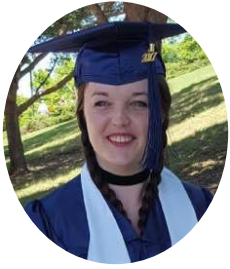


Imagine! Family Support Services Staff Bios



Christina Clause

Data Specialist II

My role in family support includes data entry as well as mailing and ensuring the documents and forms we use on a daily basis are in order.

My ability to work with various software and my tech savvy have been a huge contribution to family support, especially during the mostly paperless times we have been made to live in.

Date of Hire

Dec. 9, 2019

Contact

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In my free time...

My hobbies are painting and gardening. The pride of my Fall is the harvest of pumpkins I've pulled in since I moved to Colorado.

Where I'd like to be...

Given the choice, I'd love to be on a beach listening to the waves roll in.



Emma Goodenow

ASD Program Coordinator

I started working in Direct Support with the Community Services program and continued into Coordinating and Supervising roles. I recently moved into the ASD Program Coordinator role in September and enjoying learning another way that Imagine! supports individuals with disabilities and their families.

Date of Hire

Jan. 20, 2015

Contact info

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In my free time...

My two newest hobbies include acquiring WAY too many houseplants and then needing to build wood shelving to hold all of my newly acquired plants. I am enjoying figuring out the perfect combination of light, food, and water for my plant babies and checking each week for new growth. I am also spending a lot of time in my garage creating different types of shelving/macrame plant holders and refurbishing old furniture to make them beautiful again. I also spend a lot of time at the dog park with my sweet puppy, Phoebe.

Where I'd like to be...

If I could travel anywhere in the world, it would be overseas to various parts of Europe. I have spent time in Paris & the UK, but would love to see Greece, Spain, and Italy for my next adventure. I also have dreams to visit Germany during Christmas.



Brittany Goodside

Children and Family Support
Services Program Manager

I joined Family Support team in February 2017 as the Program Manager. I oversee the entire department operations, manage the budget, facilitate Family Support Council and support inter agency and community connections to strength Imagine!'s and Family Support's overall mission of the families we serve.

My education background with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, supports my role. Having knowledge on IDD and family systems helps guide the Family Support team and the individuals we serve.

Date of Hire

February 2017

Contact Info

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In my free time...

I enjoy all that Colorado has to offer: escaping to the mountains to hike and ski, trying new restaurants (foodie) or finding a neighborhood park to explore with my family.

Where I'd like to be...

I love living in Colorado (born and raised) and wouldn't change that! But, would love to travel to Africa to see the wildlife and volunteer at a school for displaced children.



Claire Gritton

Family Support Services
and ASD Supervisor

I started my career with Imagine!, working in the direct services side of the organization. While I loved working within our School Age Services department, I was looking for some change. I joined the Family Support team in February of this year. I oversee our Family Support team, as well as the Autism Spectrum Disorder program. I play a role in supporting our program manager identifying the financial needs of our program, as well as working closely with our navigators and ASD coordinator to provide the best customer service possible for our families. I love the role I have stepped into and all of the learning curves I have been able to take on and work through.

I majored in Human Services, with a focus on non-profit administration. I believe that with this educational background, I was able to hit the ground running with not only ensuring my team was supported, but that I was able to provide additional insight to the administrative side of things within both programs. I also believe that my experience with school aged services brings a more "on the ground" experience to our Family Support team.

Date of Hire

October 2014

Contact Info

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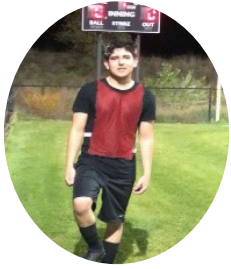
Email: cgritton@imaginecolorado.org

In my free time...

I have started to learn many different things in the past year! I started to learn how to ski about a year ago, and have started learning how to play piano just recently! I also love being with my family and friends, and find as many opportunities to spend time with them as possible.

Where I'd like to be...

I would LOVE to travel to Brazil if I had an option of anywhere in the world to go. I also think I would really enjoy sitting on a beach and that could be really anywhere.



Jesus Lara-Jimenez

Bilingual Family Support Navigator

In previous roles where I worked in case management, I have provided services to various population in Aurora, and the Denver Metro area and now I get the do the same for the counties of Broomfield and Boulder. I have worked in the service provider's field for almost three years, where I worked with victims of human trafficking, domestic violence survivors, homeless individuals, and people with intellectual disabilities. I truly enjoy helping my clients and their families obtain services and educating them on available resources. I believe my background working with diverse populations including trauma informed clients, will allow me to communicate with the families to ensure I help them to the best of my ability. As a fluent Spanish speaker, I have learned to communicate with clients in their own Spanish dialect, considering consumers come from different parts of Latin America.

Date of Hire

October 19, 2020

Contact info

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In my free time...

Something to know about me is that I am a big believer of self-care. A few activities I enjoy to maintain my wellbeing is sports such as boxing, soccer, and I occasionally play volleyball. I also enjoy listening to music preferably rock, oldies, and sometimes pop (depending on the song). I'm not a musician, but I enjoy playing the guitar and I'm very passionate about music.

Where I'd like to be...

I enjoy living in Colorado, but if there was anywhere in I can be right now it would be Australia (I heard is nice other than the giant bugs there).



Amanda Lewis

Business Support I

I started my career with Imagine! working for both Case Management Business Support and Family Support. While I loved working in both departments, I was in a position to go part time and spend more time with my kids so I stuck with Family Support. I am the first point of contact for all our new clients enrolled in our program and play a critical role in obtaining all required documents for eligibility. I work closely with all members of our team to create and execute effective and efficient ways for consumers to navigate our program.

As someone who has a lot of personal experience working with children that have been diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability, I think my perspective from an outsider's point of view contributes a lot to the processes the Family Support team put in place for our consumers. With my attention to detail and ability to multitask, I am able to work through multiple different problems at once, ensuring all documents are completed accurately and efficiently.

Date of Hire

July 2019

Contact info

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In my free time...

I love art projects, specifically painting. I am passionate about astrology and reading tarot.

Where I'd like to be...

I have WAY too many places on my bucket list – but my top three are: Indonesia, Switzerland and Santorini.



Tania Sisel

Family Support Navigator

*The special skills I bring to Family Support:
Compassion and the experience of being a long-
term team member in Family Support and having
seen Family Support through a lot of changes.*

Date of Hire

Fall 2017

Contact info

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In my free time...

I love being outside, taking walks, sitting in the sun.

Where I'd like to be...

Having grown up in the Midwest, I love being in Colorado and having lots of sunny days. I have dreams on getting on an airplane again and taking a trip to see family or friends.