

McKenzie was born and raised in the Midwest and strived to help people in whatever way possible. This led her to earn her bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies through the University of Wisconsin-Stout as well as obtained her social work certification and license. McKenzie then embarked on a decade-long career as a county social worker for Eau Claire County in west-central Wisconsin. She worked primarily with at-risk youth in the juvenile justice system but also child protective services. In early 2017, McKenzie and her husband packed up their lives and moved south to Greensboro. In late 2017, McKenzie chose to leave her senior social work investigative position with Forsyth county to be more available for her family. This career shift led her towards focusing on the administrative field where her knowledge of mental health, substance abuse, and trauma could blend with her supportive and organizational skills. In McKenzie's free time, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her family on a hike or at the beach, going to movies, and traveling.