

Meet Our Staff

Lacey Long, Ed.D., Project Director

Dr. Long has worked in the field of special education for over 20 years; most recently, as a teacher of students with visual impairments (TSVI) and a teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing (TOD). She is a certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) and North Dakota's only certified assistive technology instructional specialist (CATIS) for persons with visual impairments.

Lacey mentored North Dakota's first certified intervener. She has worked with individuals with disabilities from birth to age 103, but Lacey is most passionate about working with students with dual sensory needs. Lacey holds a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership.

Kelly Prellwitz, M.S., Family Engagement Coordinator

Ms. Prellwitz is an Early Interventionist at Minot Infant Development. She brings many years of experience, personally and professionally, working with children with a variety of developmental delays and disabilities. She is the parent of a child who is part of the Dual Sensory Project. Kelly is currently the Family Engagement Coordinator with the ND Dual Sensory Project and helps facilitate intervener training using the OHOA modules (ND Cohort).

Jodi Patchen, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Patchen is an administrative assistant at NDCPD and leads efforts for an accurate state deafblind child count (census).