



September 2021 Nominations

Anna Hesse – ECSE Teacher

“Anna has begun working with a new district and has quickly adjusted to the environment, communicating clearly with others and interacting with parents in a way that is encouraging and supportive. I look forward to more chances to work collaboratively with Anna.”

Kim Sobiech – Occupational Therapist

“Kim noticed some equipment that was piled in a room in the elementary. She thought it looked expensive and important so she contacted me to let me know where it was. It was for a high school student. Since I have never served that district and am going to be delivering services virtually, I would never have thought to look for it in the elementary. Thanks to Kim, the student will have what they need on the first day of school.”

Karie Novak – Physical Therapist

“Karie is such a team player! Even with the craziness that is the start of the school year, she has a great attitude and is willing to lend a hand wherever it is needed. She always has a smile on her face and gives 100% to her students and the districts that she serves.”

Amy Sippl – Behavior Analyst

“Thank you for putting together a very beneficial training for us The READY Clinic - Behavior Analysts!”

Forrest Fosheim – Senior Network Coordinator

“Forrest offers thorough and dedicated service to resolving issues. He goes above and beyond when supporting both member districts as well as the internal SWWC Service Cooperative teams. He provides an integral role in consulting on network and phone issues. Thanks for all that you do, Forrest!”

Orlando Ortiz – Special Education Paraprofessional

“We are so excited that Orlando has been able to provide translation services for The READY Clinic. Orlando has demonstrated an ability to really connect with families even though his services have all been telehealth, and his translation abilities are the most fluid we have experienced at The READY Clinic. We are so appreciative of your patience, skill, and dedication in helping us increase our ability to provide equitable services. Thank you, Orlando!”

Miranda Lee – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Miranda has shown a lot of growth in the past year. She is always willing to help out in any classroom or help out her peers. She truly cares about the students and will go out of her way to make sure their needs are met.”

Caitlin Gilley – Behavior Analyst

“I truly appreciate Caitlin’s communication, collaboration and constructive feedback skills. She helps me better serve the clients and families as The READY Clinic. She is willing to jump in and model or answer any questions at any time and is dedicated to our team!”

“Caitlin is a huge asset to The READY Clinic - Montevideo! Caitlin is a team player and always prioritizes the clients’ needs. Also, she has been a fantastic lead as we expand our team. We appreciate ALL that you do, Caitlin!”

Melissa Andree – Behavior Analyst

“Melissa is a fantastic leader at The READY Clinic - Montevideo. Every day she brings a positive attitude and happy spirit into the clinic. Melissa is such a fun person to work with and I value her dedication to the team. Thanks for ALL that you do, Melissa!”

Jennifer Samuelson – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Jennifer does an outstanding job in the classroom. She is always willing to help students out and cares a great deal about them! She is a team player and will help out where ever is necessary! She comes to work with a can do attitude and that spills over to her co-workers! Thank you for all you do!”

Julie Menage – Director of Special Education

“Julie puts every bit of emotional and mental energy she has into helping students, families, and districts find the best solutions possible. She is a fantastically supportive supervisor that encourages staff members to do their best through the best and worst of times serving our students, families, and districts.”

Amanda Tykwinski – Business Services Specialist

“Amanda is a huge asset to our RMIC team and is always willing to offer assistance when requested. It is especially appreciated because we know she is busy and has her own deadlines too. We are lucky to have such a knowledgeable and helpful co-worker on our team!”

Tonya Duscher – Business Services Specialist

“Tonya is a dedicated staff member always willing to help and is a great compliment to the RMIC team. She has only been with us a year but has jumped right in by contributing and helping with year-end audit questions. Thank you Tonya!”

Tammy Lenort – Business Services Specialist

“Thank you so much for your hard work. We love having you on staff in RMIC. Your willingness to learn and go the extra mile even in tough situations is greatly appreciated! Well done!”

Sarah Hacker – Behavior Therapist

“Sarah was willing to step into a new area of applying her behavior analytic skills in a new setting by subbing at the ELC. Thank you, Sarah, for sharing your skills at the ELC!”

“Sarah is always willing to lend a helping hand. At the end of everyday Sarah takes time out of her schedule to help others finish their daily tasks and notes while completing her own. We appreciate the team player mentality and look forward to growing a positive working space together.”

Nicole Alexander – Behavior Therapist

“Nicole worked hard to pass her Behavior Therapist competencies in a timely manner. Nicole quickly generalized her competencies to working with a new child. Thank you for your quick learning!”

Amber Bruns - Clinical Director of Behavioral Health Services

“I'm always inspired by Amber's dedication to The READY Clinics. Our recent BHCOE accreditation would not have been possible without her leadership, vision, and commitment to the The READY Clinic mission. She's done a great job assembling a team and the tools for us to serve our clients in the best way! Thanks Amber!”

Cheyenne Harry – Behavior Therapist

“Cheyenne worked hard to pass her Behavior Therapist competencies in a timely manner. Cheyenne quickly generalized her newly-acquired competencies to working with a new child. Thank you for your quick learning!”

Jo Kor – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Jo is a dedicated member of our ELC Pipestone staff. She is always willing to step in where needed on even the busiest days! We appreciate her very much!”