

## **Denise Johnson**

I take pleasure in knowing that what I do makes a difference in people's lives and have over 20 years of experience in the social services field to show for that. I attended South Dakota State University where I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree, majored in Sociology and minored in Psychology. I have been a Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) for 12 years, and have worked 15 years with individuals who have sustained a brain injury. I lived in Minneapolis, MN for 6 years and it is there that I was able to obtain my experience and knowledge in the brain injury field. I am currently employed by LifeScape in Sioux Falls, SD where I have been the Coordinator of Support and Services for 9 years; supervising the brain injury residential and day service programs. I also am part of the Brain Injury Work Group that is set up through the Center for Disabilities where we are working on bridging gaps in brain injury services in South Dakota. I find working with people who have sustained a brain injury and their support team to be very challenging and yet extremely rewarding.

