

JULIE TEN HAKEN

PROJECT MANAGER



Julie began her career as a social worker at the South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) in Child Protection. After five years at DSS, she began working at Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in the adoption program where she remained for 15 years. During her employment at LSS, she graduated with her master's degree in social work from the University of Iowa in 2005. She then became the Adoption Program Director at LSS. Julie took a break in social work and became a festival director for a large music festival in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for nine years. She then returned to her social services roots and began working in the field of human trafficking as the Director of Operations and Grants Management at Call to Freedom. Julie started working with Sharon Chontos and Ben May in 2021 and currently manages several projects, including handling operations and financial association management for Community Health Workers Association of South Dakota (CHWSD) and Child Advocacy Centers of South Dakota (CACSD).

Skills and Expertise

- Works closely with several community-based organizations across the state of South Dakota
- Directs non-profit organizations, grants, and financial management
- Likes new challenges, thinking through problems, and coming up with creative solutions
- Thrives off working with her team and enjoys learning from others and their expertises

Notable Achievements

- Nominated for the EmBee Tribute to Women award for Community and Public Service
- Written and received over \$5 million dollars in grant awards
- Continues to strive to improve her skills and knowledge in all areas of project management and strategic planning

Interests & Hobbies

Julie is the proud mother to one son and grandmother to three granddaughters. She met her husband after many years of being single and was married in 2023. She not only married a great man but also added to her family with four more children and nine more grandchildren. She enjoys Christian music and festivals. Her favorite activity is camping and boating with her big family in the summer and hopes to travel the country someday with her husband to see the state parks.

