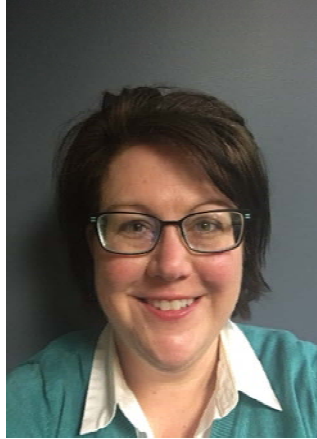


SuAnn Williams



My name is SuAnn, and I'm a native of eastern Kentucky and now live in the central part of the Commonwealth. I was appointed to the PAMI council in 2017 and am very excited to be a part of such great advocacy work. I have a unique perspective in that that I deal with issues that affect people with disabilities both personally and professionally. I have been with Goodwill Industries of Kentucky in various capacities since 2008. Goodwill helps people with disabilities or other challenges achieve and maintain employment to gain a better quality of life. On a personal level, I have dealt with mental health issues myself and have many friends and family members who are also impacted by both physical and mental disabilities.

I am currently the program manager for the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) program, which helps beneficiaries of Social Security Administration disability benefits understand the impact of employment on their benefits and works to guide beneficiaries toward financial independence and self-sufficiency.. My interests have always been centered on equality, equity and opportunity, and the PAMI council is another avenue to pursue this effort.

Did you know that in 2016, the percentage of people aged 21-64 with disabilities in America living below the federal poverty guideline was 28.2%, compared to 12.5% of people without disabilities? My focus on the council is related to advocacy for employment and training, financial stability, and wealth building for individuals with disabilities.