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Jen is 55-year-old mom of a very determined and sassy 18-year-old daughter, Codi. Codi has Cerebral Palsy and uses many forms of assistive technology (AT) and complex rehabilitation technology (CRT). Jen is a disability advocate and public speaker. Codi and Jen were presenters for TEDx Grand Junction in March of 2020. Their talk, "Codi's Life: From Coding to Communication Technology", was selected to be on TED.com. She is a current member of the Colorado Assistive Technology Coalition. Jen was recently appointed to the Colorado Governor's Disability Task Force Outdoor Access Committee. Jen is a parent member of the Colorado Governor's State Rehabilitation Council and member of the Colorado Department of Education Sequencing of Services Pilot Program for their local school district. She is the co- chair of Employment First Advisory Partnership and chair of the Employment First Committee. Jen was the Family Focus Group Lead for a cooperative grant project to create training videos for the Colorado Office of Employment First and Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council. Jen advocates for families and students with disabilities to assist in navigating the world assistive technology, accessible travel and school to employment transition services. She has a BS in Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism from Colorado State University and a MS in Public Administration from the University of AK.