

Ashleah Yates, MA, LPC-S, is the Residential Program Manager at Ariel Clinical Services in Grand Junction, CO. Ashleah has a Masters of Community Mental Health from Adams State University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor who got her start providing individual and group counseling services with the IDD population. Early on in her work, Ashleah recognized the need for education and training around the individual's trauma, as well as in helping them identify ways to express their traumatic experiences, regardless of their abilities. This led to a strong passion in trauma-informed care practices.

Jesse Padilla-Goryl is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst working with the adult I/DD population in Mesa County. Jesse is primarily responsible for reduction of harmful behaviors with a focus on increasing quality of life and independence for adults at Ariel Clinical Services. Jesse's background is in special education with a multi-disciplinary approach to learning and behavior. Since starting his work in with adults in 2019, Jesse has developed a keen interest in providing behavioral services with a high emphasis in person-centered and trauma-informed care.

My name is Michelle Powner, and I am the Regional Program Manager at Ariel Clinical Services. I received my Master of Social Work in 2015 but have been in the field for years. I love the field of social work as it is diverse and ever-changing.

Fun Fact about me: If I were a Super Hero, I would be.....CommuniCON – using effective communication to change the world one crucial conversation at a time.