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Michelle spent the first half of her childhood in Livonia, MI but ended up graduating high school from the small town of Gladwin, MI. She earned both a Bachelor's Degree in marketing and advertising with a minor in child development and a Master's Degree in professional counseling from Central Michigan University. Michelle has lived in various parts of the country, to include Orlando, FL, Chicago, IL and the Detroit suburbs before landing in Ithaca, MI. Michelle has served Gratiot County as an Infant Mental Specialist at Gratiot Integrated Health Network (GIHN) for the past 13 years. During the past 5 years, through a partnership with GIHN, Michelle has split her time between GIHN and the Children's Advocacy Center, serving in various roles to include Family Victim Advocate and Trauma Counselor. During her down time, Michelle has enjoyed volunteering for organizations such as the Ithaca Food Pantry, Hope House, and Love Inc., as well as coaching for AYSO, Girls on the Run and Ithaca youth baseball and softball. In addition, over the past 14 years, Michelle has volunteered her time as a youth leader for both the Edgewood Church of God and the Alma First Church of God. Michelle currently serves as the Marketing Chair for the local Mid-Michigan Chapter for the Infant Mental Association as well as being a board member for the State of Michigan Infant Mental Association. When not at work Michelle enjoys traveling, rescuing animals and taking naps.