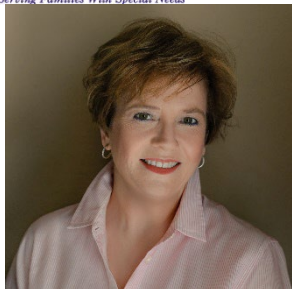




Serving Families With Special Needs



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"Serving individuals with developmental delays has become my life's work. I grew up with relatives who had intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and saw firsthand how they and their families struggled without proper supports and services. These experiences inspired me to become a nurse and want to be a part of helping individuals receive the services and treatment they need to be as successful and independent as they can be."

Professional Profile:

Patty Ritter is the co-founder and co-owner of Advantage Care Services, a business dedicated to serving individuals with IDD. Patty has been working in the IDD field for over 36 years. She has worked in group homes, as a Special Olympics coach and finally as an RN. She has served as regional President for Developmental Disabilities Nursing Association and has taught on a variety of nursing topics regarding the IDD population for over 20 years. She has been involved in the development of statewide nursing rules and regulations with the Texas Board of Nursing and the Department of Health and Human Services Commission. Patty also serves on the statewide Education Committee for the Providers Alliance and develops educational materials annually. She is also the founder and President of the non-profit, Star Bright Foundation, which provides funding for individuals and their families to attend an annual camp in the Hill Country, and provides emergency funding to IDD families that are not covered by Medicaid, etc. Patty served as the Special Reach nurse when it was founded in 2011 and proceeded to serve on the board of directors. As an RN, business leader, educator and advocate, Patty has enriched many precious lives in the San Antonio community.