

Homer 33C Special Education Update

Mrs. Renee Karalus
Director of Special Services
August 25, 2026



Welcome to our New Employees!

Special Ed. Dept.
Ms. Amy Durkalski
Spec. Ed. Coordinator

<u>William J. Butler</u> ★ Kathryn Sullivan - SLP ★ Kristina Bogaerts - OT	<u>Luther J. Schilling</u> ★ Afeni Willis -Instructional teacher	<u>Goodings Grove</u> ★ Alyssa Ward - SLP ★ Megan Almaraz- Teacher
<u>William E. Young</u> ★ Shannon Powers - Psychologist ★ Erin Fixel - Soc. Wkr. ★ Sam Hernandez - Manzanares - SI teacher ★ Tara Dempsey - EC teacher ★ Lily Darche - SLP	<u>Hadley Middle School</u> ★ Hallelujah Bradshaw - SI Teacher ★ Katherine Szeliga - OT ★ Hiba Al-Ouri- Psychologist	<u>Homer Junior High</u> ★ Luma Albzour- Psychologist ★ Ceili Singleton - Social Worker ★ Maria Lorena Johnson - Instructional teacher ★ Sara Chamboullides - ELA Co-teacher



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Thank you, Mrs. Withrow!

Specialized Instruction Resource Guide

- Staff Names and Contact information
- Safety
- Crisis Support
- Recreation
- Family Support
 - Training
 - Support Groups
- Financial, Estate, Lifespan Planning
- Medical, Dental, and Therapy

Shared with all families with a child in our Specialized Instruction classrooms, and available on our website, under Special Services.



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Thanks to Officer Jake Populorum and Bridget Withrow!

This has evolved into a coordinated, multi-agency effort. Will County's Chief Executive Officer's office, the Emergency Management Agency and Sheriff's department are meeting with Project Lifesaver.

Project Lifesaver is an international public safety program designed to protect people with cognitive conditions who are prone to wandering or eloping, such as those with Alzheimer's, dementia, autism, or Down syndrome. Run by local law enforcement and first responders, the program uses specialized radio-frequency tracking technology to quickly locate missing individuals and return them home safely

Mrs. Withrow has been asked to speak at a future Will County Community Mental Health Board meeting on behalf of Homer 33C and as a parent.



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Thank you, any questions for me?



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