



## Kari Walmer

Kari Walmer graduated from Grace College in 2007 with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education. She served as a special education teacher from 2007-2014 and, in 2014, transitioned into a more administrative role as a Special Services Coordinator for Warsaw Community Schools (WCS). In this capacity, she is able to provide professional development opportunities and assist teachers in meeting the

unique needs of students. She is a social/emotional core team member, and a certified instructor of Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR), a suicide prevention program used at Warsaw Community Schools. She is also involved within the community by serving on the Board of Directors for Joe's Kids, a non-profit pediatric rehabilitation clinic. Her current position not only allows her to have a significant influence on students, teachers, and staff but the opportunity to be an advocate for special education. Currently, she is attending Indiana University where she is pursuing a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership as well as a Director of Exceptional Needs license.

She was recommended for the ICASE Presidential Scholarship by Dr. David Hoffert, Superintendent of Warsaw Community Schools and Amy Hobbs, Director of Special Services for Warsaw Community Schools.