

Camelia Hallahan serves as a Family Partner for the Southwest Region of the state of Missouri. The Family Partnership Initiative strives to enhance the lives of individuals and families impacted by special health care needs, providing resources and information to empower families to live a good life. Camelia's journey began when her daughter Karlee was diagnosed with Recessive Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), (a debilitating genetic skin disease), at birth. When the complications of Karlee's EB grew in severity in her early teens, palliative care became a key role in managing her wellness. The palliative care team created a care plan focused on quality of life through pain management, open communication and family support. Nearing the end of her journey, Karlee's palliative care team compassionately guided her family through the transition to hospice care in early 2020.

Camelia continues to work daily with Missouri families assisting in the navigation of special health care programs and providing peer support. She resides in Meta, MO with her husband and two sons.