



Kasey DeLynn Shakespear
Parent of a Rare Disease Patient, Rural Health Champion

Kasey grew up in Tropic, Utah, a small rural town located next door to Bryce Canyon National Park. He attended college at Southern Utah University and completed a bachelor's degree in biology with an emphasis in zoology. Upon graduating from SUU, Kasey completed dual master's degrees in healthcare administration and public health from the University of Utah. He completed a third master's degree in English and creative writing from Southern New Hampshire University. Kasey's passion is working to improve the health and lives of those who call rural Utah home. Over the past several years, Kasey has had the opportunity to lead the Utah Center of Rural Health on numerous grant projects around substance use disorder, mental health and wellness, and health equity. He has also helped lead efforts with the Rural Health Association of Utah to bring together rural stakeholders to work alongside his team to serve rural and frontier Utah.