

America's Best in Medicine Profiles Jessica Lacey, RN: Director of Nursing at Bryan Manor in Centralia, Illinois

Dedicated Registered Nurse Brings More Than 26 Years of Clinical Experience and Leadership to Enhancing Quality of Life for Residents with Developmental Disabilities and Complex Medical Needs



Centralia, Illinois Aug 12, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Jessica Lacey, RN, is a dedicated Registered Nurse and Director of Nursing at Bryan Manor in Centralia, Illinois, where she has spent more than 26 years providing compassionate, high-quality care to adults with developmental disabilities. Throughout

her distinguished career, she has remained committed to improving the lives of individuals with complex medical needs while fostering an environment built on dignity, respect, and meaningful human connection.

Jessica began her nursing career in August 2000 as a Licensed Practical Nurse, embarking on a professional journey rooted in service and advocacy. Determined to expand her clinical expertise, she earned her Registered Nurse credential in 2010 through Frontier Community College. Since then, she has continued to build an impressive career dedicated to caring for residents in a 100-bed intermediate care facility, where many individuals require total care and specialized medical support.

As Director of Nursing at Bryan Manor, Jessica oversees all aspects of nursing operations for residents with significant healthcare needs. Her responsibilities include managing care for individuals requiring gastrostomy tube (G-tube) feedings and medication administration, as well as respiratory therapies such as CPAP, BiPAP, and breathing treatments. Her comprehensive understanding of complex medical care ensures that residents receive consistent, evidence-based treatment tailored to their individual needs.

Jessica's extensive experience extends well beyond direct patient care. During her tenure at Bryan Manor, she has served in numerous clinical and leadership positions, including floor nursing, care plan coordination, infection prevention and control, and wound care management. This broad background has provided her with a well-rounded perspective on long-term care and strengthened her ability to lead interdisciplinary teams dedicated to delivering exceptional outcomes.

While her clinical expertise has been instrumental to her success, Jessica believes the heart of nursing lies in the relationships built with those entrusted to her care. Many of Bryan Manor's residents are non-verbal and fully dependent on caregivers, making trust, consistency, and compassion essential components of their daily lives. Having cared for many individuals for decades, Jessica has formed lasting connections with residents and their families that extend far beyond the traditional caregiver relationship.

Her commitment to advocacy is reflected in every aspect of her work. She strives to ensure that each resident is treated with dignity while helping families navigate the challenges of long-term care. By serving as both a clinical leader and a compassionate advocate, Jessica works tirelessly to provide every individual with the highest possible quality of life in a place they proudly call home.

"What I enjoy most about nursing is the deep, meaningful relationships I've built with the individuals I care for every day," says Jessica. "These residents have become like family to me over my 26 years at Bryan Manor. I've literally grown up alongside some of them—one parent even told me after his son passed away, 'You and Paddy, you grew up together,' and that really touched my heart. Even though most of our residents are non-verbal and require total care, getting to know them so well and being there for them throughout their lives is incredibly rewarding. This is their home, and many of them have been here for decades. At the end of the day, even when things are challenging with staffing or other issues, the clients brighten your day, and you just go right back at it. I'm passionate about being a client and parent advocate, and I just want to make sure they have the best life they can have."

Jessica Lacey's unwavering dedication, compassionate leadership, and decades-long commitment to individuals with developmental disabilities continue to make a lasting difference for the residents, families, and healthcare professionals she serves. Through her work, she exemplifies the profound impact that empathy, advocacy, and clinical excellence can have on the lives of society's most vulnerable individuals.

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