

Darien has served as the director of Youth Connection, facilitated chemical dependency support groups, served on the 'Strength For The Family' team, and is the director of the Mustard Seed Homes men's residential program.

He was raised on a small dairy farm in northern Minnesota. He worked construction after high school for a number of years before returning to dairy farming for a 12 year stint as a herdsman, in 1987. He again worked construction until accepting the Youth Connection position in 2005. His experiences in construction broke his heart for young men who needed mentors to help them walk through manhood. His dairy farm experiences helped him to see potential in all individuals. Positivity, hard work, and a willingness to meet people where they are at, has made him relatable to a diverse population.

Darien's strengths are Strategic, Connectedness, Woo, Empathy and Developer. He is a people person who carries vision for CWLC and all of its programs and businesses. He and his wife Laferne of 38 years are Elders at Country Faith Church where they have attended since 1997. They raised a son and a daughter and two foster sons. They enjoy their grandchildren and love to spend time with them in the woods North of Bemidji Minnesota.