

ARC NEWS

The Arc of Volusia Newsletter



Employee Anniversaries

Thank you to the following employees for their hard work and dedication to our clients at the Arc of Volusia:

- Nakita Davis, ABE Assistant (5 yrs.)
- Diane Neighmond, DSP (5 yrs.)
- Felicia Lewis, DSP (2 yrs.)
- Melanie Robinson, Business Coordinator (2 yrs.)



Supported Employment Client Spotlight

“Billy”

Billy has been able to maintain work through most of the Covid-19 pandemic. He has stayed healthy by following CDC guidelines, such as wearing a mask properly and maintaining six feet of distance from co-workers and customers.

He currently works at a restaurant in Port Orange, but is looking to change companies because he does not feel appreciated where he is and says “there is no accountability” at his current workplace. I have listened to his

concerns and agree that another work environment would be better suited for his needs.

Billy and I have brainstormed together what work locations near where he lives would be a good fit for him. I helped him update his resume & assisted him with applying on-line for several part-time day positions in his area.

One local company has already looked at his application and wishes to interview him this week. I coached him on what he should say to the manager who will be interviewing him and made suggestions on how he should dress for the interview. Billy is very excited about possibly being hired by a company he once worked for and for which he respects. He is hopeful that he will be able to greet the Spring with a blossoming new career which will provide him with rewarding new challenges and bright new friendships.

Written by: Mike Gussman, Employment Coach

Adult Basic Education (ABE) —Virtual Learning

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Provided By: May Beaty, Education Specialist and Na’Kita Davis, Education Specialist Assistant

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