

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:

- Shawn Keiman, Maintenance (1yr.)
- Kristie Reyes, Program Coordinator (Deland Campus) (3yrs.)

Supported Employment Spotlight

“Sodexo”

The Pandemic has created barriers to employment for many people with disabilities, as well as for people in the workforce as a whole.

The food service provider, Sodexo, is one such success story. They provide cafeteria style meals for many College students in Volusia County. Since reopening due to Covid-19, they have put into place measures to protect their employees and the people they serve. The new measures allowed them to bring most of their employees back to work, including several of the clients I serve in my capacity as an employment coach for the Arc of Volusia.

Renewed demand for Sodexo food services has actually led to employment opportunities for two more of my Arc clients within the last month! The Volusia county Sodexo system has hired 9 Arc clients over the last 15 plus years and six of them continue to work for Sodexo in positions such as; Dining Room Attendant, Beverage Stocker, Dishwasher and Prep-Cook.

Through the year's clients from the Arc of Volusia have come to be an integral part of the Sodexo community in Volusia County. Sodexo has come to know they can count on employees coming from our agency to be capable and dedicated employees who show great loyalty to their employer. We in turn, are grateful to Sodexo for giving many people with disabilities an opportunity to show what valuable employees they can be to their company.

Written by: Mike Gussman, Employment Coach

Adult Basic Education (ABE) —Virtual Learning

For the month of February, students explored the topic of telling time by learning about digital and analog clocks, how to tell time through digital and analog clocks, identify the hours, and half hours. Students learned how to create a balanced schedule for their daily routines. The virtual curriculum continues with small group sessions through Zoom. Students completed worksheets and participated in discussions about the importance of telling time and making schedules. Fun crafts, games, and music classes were also incorporated during this month.

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

If you are interested in joining the virtual learning group, please reach out to May at m.beaty@arcvolusia.org or Na'Kita at n.davis@arcvolusia.org. Or, request to join the Arc of Volusia Facebook Virtual Learning Group via our Facebook page and/or website at www.arcvolusia.org.