



JAMIE BECK

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Jamie Beck lived with her mother and stepfather in Economy, IN. In 2009, her mother passed away and then her father passed away in 2012. She was found walking late at night in the neighborhood. When APS arrived, they found out that Jamie did not have any family. Dan Stewart, CEO of Achieva Resources was contacted by Judge Kolger and Jamie was placed in emergency and then permanent guardianship. Jamie was placed in a nursing home temporarily until proper facilities could be found for her. Jamie did not need a nursing home and was more capable than most of the residents. She helped the other residents at meal time and with fun activities as well as in the cafeteria. Mr. Stewart was busy working to get Jamie her Medicaid Waiver that was eventually granted.



Gaining the Medicaid Waiver allowed Jamie to move out of the nursing home and into a Supported Living Home, in Richmond and to start work at Benchmark's Workshop to earn a little spending money. Jamie was a work-aholic and earned \$350-\$400 every two weeks.

Let's get this started!

About a year later, Jamie decided she wanted to get a job in the community. Mr. Stewart suggested they get together and start her resume. Jamie said, "Let's get this started." So he helped her craft a resume. Jamie finished school at Hagerstown High School with a Certificate of Completion. She took her resume all over Richmond and did not get an interview. Mr. Stewart called the mayor and said, "This is horrible, we have to get this young lady a job." The Mayor asked Jamie to come and speak before the Council next Wednesday night. Jamie told the Council that people like her were really unable to get a job in the community because they are never really given a chance if they only had a Certificate of Completion. There were two councilmen that said, "Jamie, if you get me your resume tomorrow, I will help you." And then Jamie piped up, "I have it right here." The next day she got a phone call asking her to come to Pizza King for an interview. She interviewed and they hired her on the spot.

As time went on, Jamie wanted a job with benefits that would pay what her three part-time positions were paying. Jamie visited the Erskine Green Training Institute in Muncie. Jamie checked out all of the classes they offer, shadowed a few people, and then chose environmental services. Through Erskine Green, Jamie learned to clean the patient's rooms at Ball Memorial Hospital and how to do the job well. Mr. Stewart got a phone call from Jamie's supervisor at 11 weeks. They wanted to hire her immediately. This journey ended in December and Jamie started her new job at Ball Memorial Hospital on May 21st.

Jamie had a great caseworker that helped her find a potential housemate. They spent a time together to make sure they could live in the same apartment. On May 14, Jamie moved from the Supported Living Group Home in Richmond to an apartment close to the hospital, in Muncie, with a housemate.



Jamie has won a couple of awards. Jamie has won the ARC of Indiana's Self-Advocate of the year award. Well that was good but now what? Indiana has a trade association and Mr. Stewart nominated Jamie for the Justin Dar Award. Jamie won that award.

Currently, Jamie has a Supported Decision Making team that she chose. They will help her make decisions and choices, but Jamie makes really good choices. We are very proud to have Jamie as the first person in Indiana that will be using a formal Support Decision Making agreement.

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