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George Lee III



At the age of 8, George Lee III was diagnosed with ADHD, schizophrenia and mood disorders. At such a young age, it was hard for him to understand those cognitive disabilities. As he got older, he was able to get a better understanding of his diagnoses through therapy. He eventually found his way to ARS for additional assistance.

George heard about ARS as a senior at Southwest High School. While in school, he also attended Metropolitan Vo-tech before graduating in 2021. He and his vocational counselor worked to create an Individual Plan of Employment (IPE) with a goal of finding employment.

Lee was referred to ACCE/Easter Seals for job training. From there, he got a job at Woodlawn Heights Nursing Home as a professional dishwasher. He has worked there since March 2022 and is very passionate about his job.

George says his experience with ARS was very helpful. He said, “Without the services, I would not have achieved my employment goals. I am thankful for all the help I have received.”





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Rosa Elizondo

While taking classes at Cossatot Community College, Rosa Elizondo discovered ARS. While there, health issues brought about unforeseen expenses. This caused her to believe that her dream of attending school to be a Dental Hygienist was unattainable.

Elizondo's vocational counselor, John Byers, helped to make sure her time at ARS went smoothly. Once she was accepted into Dental Hygiene school, ARS helped with college expenses, removing the financial burden.

While enrolled in the two-year program, Rosa's counselor was made sure she didn't need anything. He was always willing to help and was determined to see her finish school and start her dream career.

After graduating, Rosa's counselor remained helpful by providing resources to assist in her job search. She is currently working as a Dental Hygienist. She says she wouldn't have been able to get through this without the help of ARS.





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Tina Lemons

After applying unsuccessfully for jobs through several agencies, Tina Lemons came to ARS in December 2021 for assistance. She had no idea the kind of work she wanted to do or where she wanted to work.



Lemons' counselor was able to get in contact with different agencies and find one that was looking to employ her. After several weeks, The Crossing hired her as a domestic science worker.

The pandemic brought about many changes, but Tina was able to accomplish her goal and continue her work with the company.