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Brandy Mimms



Brandy Mimms, an ARS client from 2011-2019, faced unique challenges as a DeafBlind individual due to Usher Syndrome. Overcoming obstacles, she embraced opportunities to innovate and adapt, investing in education and life skills. With unwavering determination, she pursued independence, becoming proficient in alternative communication and leveraging technology.

After Hurricane Katrina, ARS provided crucial support, supplying hearing aids and assisting with educational expenses. This support allowed Brandy to complete a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance at the University of Arkansas, marking the beginning of her professional journey.

Starting her career as a dance educator at the Arkansas School for the Deaf, Brandy didn't give up on her passion. She founded the "Listen With Your Eyes Dance Troupe" and continued as a solo artist, Unique the Deaf Dance. Achieving second place in Deaf Got Talent in 2022, Brandy is now pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in Choreography at Jacksonville University, expanding possibilities for herself and the dance world.

Reflecting on her journey, Brandy expresses gratitude to ARS: "ARS has been instrumental in my journey, providing the tools and support necessary to achieve my dreams. Their assistance has been invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for their unwavering belief in my potential."





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Casey McIntire

Former Arkansas Rehabilitation Services client, Casey McIntire, now thrives as a roll-off driver at Waste Management of Arkansas despite facing moderate to severe hearing loss. Upon learning about ARS, he swiftly engaged with a counselor, initiating a collaborative process to determine eligibility and address his employment needs.

McIntire and his counselor worked closely, identifying challenges, and crafting effective solutions to ensure sustained full-time employment. ARS staff collaborated with both the client and a partnered vendor to devise a comprehensive service plan, specifically focusing on providing hearing aid services crucial for Casey's workplace communication.

Upon plan development, the counselor efficiently coordinated with the vendor, swiftly authorizing, and obtaining the necessary hearing aids. With the aid in place, McIntire successfully communicates in his workplace, securing and retaining his employment.