



Holly found her passion for work in MRCI's Employment Exploration program.

MEET HOLLY!

INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO EMPLOYMENT EXPLORATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

When Holly lost her job due to COVID, she struggled a bit. Fortunately, MRCI was there to help her find her way through a new program, called Exploration.

"It has given Holly hope in being able to find a job again and it has given her confidence in employment skills. For us as parents, we see how excited Holly is to have this opportunity. It has been like a support group for Holly," says Holly's mom, Marti.

MRCI's Employment Exploration Services is a 10-week program that includes a wide variety of activities which help participants explore different work options and opportunities in their community. The program combines classroom learning (in small groups of 1:4) and job exploration activities to provide engaging work experiences and promote motivation, consideration of opportunities, and informed decision-making. This program helps participants transition to employment by gaining a better understanding of competitive employment, helping them decide if they want to work in the community and what kind of work they may want to perform.

"The EES program has been very beneficial for Holly. When she was offered the opportunity for Employment Exploration with MRCI, she was very excited. It has given Holly hope in being able to find a job again and it has given her confidence in employment skills. Holly feels she has learned valuable skills that will help her obtain a job and be successful. For us as parents, we see how excited Holly is to have this opportunity. It has been like a support group for Holly."

Our discovery process sets us apart which is reflected in the long-term success of those we place in permanent employment positions.

The magic of the employment exploration program is that the staff and the individuals work in partnership to discover the natural talents and interests of each participant to align to the world of work in our local community.

Holly discovered she wants to return to the world of work. She graduated from the Employment Exploration program and is ready to work!

To get involved as a tour site, volunteer participant, staff, please visit mymrci.org for more information.



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