Introduction

Working at Full Circle, Inc. my job is a Community Assistant. A Community Assistant is someone that helps someone either in the community of getting daily things done. Or you can be in a home helping them with home chores that happen daily. The ages that I have worked with range from different ages at different houses. The youngest I have worked with is 18 years old as well the oldest is 70. To me the older you get the more fun they are at living life still.

Mission Statement

“To provide quality and effective services by consistently focusing on individual needs, desires, and abilities and by maintaining high quality supports and customer service”

What’s Full Circle, Inc.?

Full Circle Services Inc. began on May 1, 2005 in a small office in Independence IA. It was the satisfaction of dozens of people who thought as well felt that human services agencies existed to serve people with disabilities. There are different offices throughout northern Iowa in towns of Decorah, Independence, Oelwein, West Union and Waterloo. They have an open door policy that if you need to communicate to someone about something that they are able there to listen and help you to strive to love your job.

Things That Go On In a Shift

Things that go on during a different shift can be a little different every time but for the most part staff assist the clients when they need to. As well be there for safety and support in the home.

Katie Beckett Story

This story of Katie Beckett Full Circle Inc. began. Hearing about this story they heard that many people in their community were going through the same thing and wanted to figure out a way to help. The first 3 years of her life she had spent most of her time at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids Iowa in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. She had viral encephalitis that infected her brain which caused her to go into a coma as well left her with severe breathing problems. The hospital told her family that she could go home with the proper care at home but the problem was Medicaid refused to pay. At the time Medicaid policy required a hospital stay for coverage of a respirator, even though the device could be used at home. Katie was finally able to go home after Medicaid was pushed to adopt an exception to their home care policy. Today there is a law now named after her that million of individuals use. Her family didn't want people to have to go through the same thing that they went through so they decided to have works come in the home to help when needed.

Day Hab Room

Shifts worked

I was trained at 3 different houses. In 3 different locations around the community of Waterloo. As well I have been trained to work with clients that need 1 on 1.

Weekdays
2:15pm-9pm (House)
9pm-12am & 12am-9am (Overnight) (House)
9am-11:30 am or 2pm-4:30 pm ( 1 on 1)
2:30pm-5pm ( 1 on 1)

Weekends
9am-2pm
9am-5pm

Disabilities Worked with

Autism
Borderline Personality Disorder
Down Syndrome
Epilepsy
Insomnia
Mild Intellectual Disabilities
Moderate Intellectual Disabilities
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
Personality Disorder
Post-Traumatic Disorder (PTSD)
Profound Intellectual Disabilities
Type 2 Diabetes
Unspecified Disorder

Advice

Advice when working with working at this job or any other job with people that have disabilities, you need to stay calm things might go the way you want it . But when you are stressed out the people that you work with can tell that you are. They may get stressed too.

References

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