

Angelina's Story – 2016

Employment Specialist: “What were your circumstances before you started with Supported Employment?”

Angelina: “I was incredibly depressed. I was in a very bad place. I didn't have a job, any goals...I was looking down a really dark road.”

Employment Specialist: “In what ways has Supported Employment assisted you?”

Angelina: “I would not be where I am today without Supported Employment. You are helping me get a job, go to school and boost my self esteem. You are helping me in so many ways. You have changed my life”.

Employment Specialist: “What is your job now?”

Angelina: “I work as a caregiver for Simple Treasures. I help people who can't help themselves.”

Employment Specialist: “Do you enjoy your job?”

Angelina: “I love it, I love it so much.”

Employment Specialist: “Have you done this before?”

Angelina: “I grew up with my mom and dad and sister doing it. I never did it myself but I watched them do it.”

Employment Specialist: ‘How has working in this job made a difference today?’

Angelina: “Well, obviously financial reasons and it has helped my self esteem. I am happier, I am so much happier!”

Employment Specialist: ‘Something special happened today. What did you accomplish today?’

Angelina: “I passed my driver's test to get my permit.”

Employment Specialist: ‘When is the last time you drove?’

Angelina: “Over ten years ago.”

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Employment Specialist: “So this is kind of a scary territory? Great job! What are your goals for the future?”

Angelina: “I have thought about that. Ultimately I want to finish my GED. I want to go back to get my degree in Child Development. I would like to work with kids again.”

Employment Specialist: “Thank you, Angelina, for sharing your story with us.”