

My name is Tiffany and I would like to tell my story. Before working with Supported Employment, I didn't have enough money to live on. I was bored and didn't know what to do with myself. I spent a lot of time alone and my self-esteem was really low. I reached a point where I knew I needed to do something productive with my life.

I began services with Options. I talked with my therapist about wanting to work and was referred to Employment Works (EW) to explore careers with a supported employment specialist. I began to feel more confident as my self-esteem grew and job opportunities opened up. I was hired as a front counter person/cashier. Since going to work, I now have a routine and friends. I feel more confident in problem solving and I can anticipate customer needs and handle uncomfortable situations as they arise.

What I like most about my job, are the friendly coworkers, getting to know the customers, and being prompt on my duties. Most of all, I like wearing the uniform. I have fun wearing ties for all occasions. I am able to express myself through how I dress at work.

For the future, I plan on purchasing a car. I would like to live independent of my family. I would like to save money and take a cruise to Canada. I plan on keeping my current position for several years and then perhaps moving into a management position with the company.

My family reports that they see me happier than before and going along a more joyful road. I know I am much happier now and my life shows it.