

Supported Employment, a Success Story
Working does Wonders!

Work Participant ~ Amil
Employment Specialist ~ Victoria
IPS Program - Working Wonders

"I was really bored with my life; I thought getting a part-time job would fill that hole." Amil is recovering from addiction and is looking for a way to "stay clean".

Amil entered the Working Wonders program in August of 2017. He stated he had low energy and wasn't sure about working due to the risk of threatening his benefits. However, he recalled he has always had a natural ability to work with his hands, to make and repair things. His employment specialist went to work. Through community relationship building, a job carve was formed. Amil was offered a small job one year later that allowed him control of his schedule and to test his skills. His job is to clean copiers and the office that sells them. A technician in the office will eventually mentor Amil to slowly learn the workings of the copier and potentially help with repair.

"I am really proud of myself for reaching out. Work gets me out of the apartment and a little paycheck. It gives me the opportunity to socialize more and gain self-respect... I am getting positive feedback and I am appreciated. I like that!"

Amil wants to stick to his recovery and has other future goals. "I want to get a car again and...also save my money." My friends and family are "proud of me" and I have a strong "appreciation towards Working Wonders."