

Supported Employment, a Success Story

Working does Wonders!

Work Participant ~ Leslie
Employment Specialist ~ Serenity
IPS Program ~ Working Wonders

Leslie remembers how her life was different before she was working. “I spent a great deal of time in my bedroom. I barely left the house. It was very frustrating to find a job that would allow me to have Meesha, my service animal.” All that changed when I met my employment specialist at Working Wonders.

In 3 months, a job was found that was perfect for me. “My employment specialist helped me apply and accept the position. She helped me to talk with my manager on the first day and she stayed with me on the job until I was comfortable. She always checks in on me to make sure I am ok and happy. She enrolled me with Voc Rehab.” VR purchased cleaning supplies including a vacuum and also a purchased an animal vest to show that my dog is a certified service animal. “Supported Employment and Voc Rehab have been great support!”

“My job is as a housekeeper. I am able to work alone which helps reduce my anxiety. The employer gives me plenty of time to complete tasks, Meesha gets to go with me to work, and I get to go to the beach every day and look at the ocean. One of my goals was to have extra cash after bills and to save up enough to purchase a van. I am now becoming financially stable enough to pay my bills and have extra cash – it is so wonderful!”

“My friends and family are so excited and happy for me!! “I am so glad that I came into Working Wonders. This program has made me so happy and has changed my life.”