

The following describes Shane's employment pursuit and success – direct quotes and paraphrased from his words.

Shane describes himself and circumstances before supported employment: as one, afraid of everything, miserable and not wanting to work. Due to Shane's depression and social anxiety, he determined it was difficult to find a job he would enjoy. "Supported employment created a job for me, they got me connected to fields I would not have otherwise been able to," access. After connecting Shane with a medical office, Shane started to progress and excel. Shane is ". . . a receptionist in a small, private medical practice."

Changes since starting work include feeling, ". . . more confident, happy and . . . fulfilled by the support system that Options" provides. Shane enjoys working for a Nurse Practitioner. "She has helped me learn so much about healthcare and even things about myself that I never knew I could do." Shane's plan for the future involves finishing school at Rogue Community College, ". . . pursue a career in healthcare, and also be the person that I always wished I could be, living a happy and fulfilled life of enjoyment."