



Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism – Work Supports for Adults

Andy Williams

Andy Williams, age 21, had made great strides and has achieved incredible success during his time with NSSA. With the appropriate levels of support, Andy's achievements are inclusive of:

- Developing into one of NSSA's best workers and more importantly a positive, contributing member of his community.
- He is sociable with his co-workers and employers and has become a valued member of each vocational setting in which he participates.
- He is currently attending 5 volunteer job-sites throughout the week. He volunteers at these sites five days per week for approximately 3 hours each outing. Some days he even attends 2 different job-sites within one day. He is very motivated by his work and his inclusion at these sites. Andy loves to complete his work and see all of his co-workers.

One particular job-site included in the video is the Great Neck Plaza Village Hall Mayor's Office. Bellow is a summary of how this opportunity was developed.

- A meeting took place at the Village Hall with NSSA's Coordinator of Vocational & Adult Services, the Village Court Clerk, and the Village Executive Administrator. During this time NSSA's Vocational Program Coordinator presented a profile of Andy and conducted a site assessment to determine the skill sets that Andy has and/or would need to develop in order to be successful at the job site.
- Specific tasks were identified for Andy
- On the 25th of May, 2004, Andy began attending this site for 1 hour per week. He was accompanied by the Coordinator of Adult & Vocational Services
- Within a few weeks Andy increased his time to 3 hours once a week.
- Andy continues to attend this work-site once a week for 3 hours



A list of skills was developed by Andy's supervisor and the Vocational Program Coordinator from NSSA. The following indicates skills that Andy has mastered during his time at Great Neck Plaza Village Hall:

- Greeting co-workers and supervisors
- Asking for assistance from co-workers and supervisors
- Interacting with co-workers and supervisors
- Completing his daily tasks and knowing how to respond to different situations

