

## Department on Disability Services Rehabilitation Services Administration

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#### **POSITIVE PERSONAL PROFILE SUMMARY**

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Jobseeker: Emily Turner		Date: 2025-02-20				
Career Specialist: Michael Brown		Reporting Period: October 2024 to February 2025				
Relationship to jobseeker:		For how long has the interviewee known the jobseeker?				
	Interviewee:	0-3 years	3-5 years	5-10 years	more than 10 years	N/A (self)
Self						
☐ Family member						
Friend/ peer						
⊠ Service provider	Sarah Johnson			X		
Other:						
Has the jobseeker met with the benefits specialist? XYES NO						
INTERESTS AND PREFERENCES						
What are some activities this person enjoys?		Emily enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and kayaking.				
What are preferred leisure time		In her leisure time, she prefers activities like painting				
activities? (sports, hobbies, etc.)		landscapes and practicing voga.				
In what environmental of		She thrives in calm environments, particularly those with				
this person thrive? (indoors/ outdoors,		natural light and minimal distractions.				
noisy/quiet, many people/few people,						
slow/quick pace, time of day, etc.) What are some of this person's		Fusible telepte include her exceptional exemptional				
talents?		Emily's talents include her exceptional organizational skills and her creativity in crafting handmade iewelry.				
How does this person best learn a new		She learns new tasks most effectively through				
task?		step-by-step instructions combined with hands-on				
Other comments						
(interests/preferences)						
LIFE AND WORK EXPERIENCES						
Please describe any paid or unpaid		Emily has participated in several unpaid work				
work experiences		experiences, including organizing community events and				
(including volunteer activities) – focus		volunteering at a local animal shelter.				
on the tasks completed rather than the						
place.						
What types of household chores are						



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completed regularly (both assigned and voluntary)  In what community activities does this person participate?  Emily regularly completes household chores such as cooking meals, cleaning, and managing the family  Emily regularly completes household chores such as cooking meals, cleaning, and managing the family  environmental cleanup initiatives.
In what community activities does this person participate?  Emily is an active participant in fundraising events and environmental cleanup initiatives.
person participate? environmental cleanup initiatives.
Other comments (life and work
experiences)
SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE
Has this person been involved in any Emily has undergone vocational training in event
specific vocational training? planning and is proficient in using scheduling and project
Can you describe this person's Emily has strong literacy and numerical skills, allowing
academic skills (reading, math, time, her to manage budgets and interpret complex
money)? information with ease.
Other comments (skills and knowledge)
DISLIKES, ETC.
Are there particular activities this Emily dislikes environments that are overly noisy or
person is "known" to dislike? chaotic, and job roles that require frequent public
Are there particular situations you
recommend we avoid when searching frequent public speaking or night shifts.
for job opportunities?
Other comments (dislikes, etc.)
ACCOMMODATIONS AND SUPPORT NEEDS
What services are currently provided? Currently, Emily receives support from a vocational
What accommodations should be in To succeed in a workplace, she would benefit from
place for the job seeker to meet with accommodations such as a quiet workspace and access
success (i.e, physical accessibility, to a structured schedule.
technological, personal care, etc.)
What supports might need to be It's important to maintain her ongoing mentorship
maintained program and provide occasional job-coaching sessions.
Other comments (accommodation and
support needs)
TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES
How does this person currently get Emily primarily relies on public transit, and she
around in the community? occasionally uses a bike for short distances.
What transportation resources will be To sustain employment, access to reliable public
necessary in order for the jobseeker to transportation will be essential, or alternatively,
maintain a job? assistance with arranging carpooling options.
Other comments (transportation)
OTHER GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
How would you describe this person's Emily's temperament is described as patient, diligent,



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temperament?	Emily's temperament is described as patient, diligent,				
What characteristics do you most	Her most admired traits include her resilience, attention				
admire in the jobseeker?	to detail, and genuine kindness.				
Please explain a "dream"job for the	Emily's dream job would be working as an event				
jobseeker.	coordinator for a company that promotes sustainable				
Can you describe any "habits," routines	She has a routine of starting her mornings with a cup of				
or idiosyncrasies this person	tea and a brisk walk.				
demonstrates?					
Is there any additional information you					
would like to share regarding this					
jobseeker?					
DISCOVERY OPTIONS	amonation about the jobs alrem?				
What are the ways that you collected info					
Check off the different ways in which you chose to gain information about a jobseeker, and					
then describe the process you went through	ugn after each option.				
One-on-one interview.					
This process works best with people who are able to express themselves clearly, enjoy talking about themselves, and can clearly convey thoughts. This process can also be used with someone who is nonverbal if picture cues or effective communication devices are available. Having a key stakeholder who understands the subtleties of his or her nonverbal cues and reactions may be helpful to have participate.					
Observe in a group or classroom.  This process is helpful to determine how a person interacts with other people and authority figures, how she or he follows directions, focuses on tasks, deals with frustration and confusion, and contributes to the class or group as a whole. In terms of employment, this option provides insight into the person's learning styles, social behavior, and information gathering which will tell you what types of work environments might be most suitable, how this person could learn a new task on the job, and how this person might interact with a supervisor.					



This method of gaining information allows you to see a person's history, understand medical needs, review behavior plans, see general testing scores, etc. This information alone is good

background, but is not very useful in selling someone to an employer!

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Observe on a job or doing job tasks If a person has some job experience whether in-school, within an agency, or community volunteer work it is important to observe how this person functions, i.e. how tasks were learned and are completed, what happens during down-time, speed, accuracy, etc. It is also very important to observe how this person fits into the environment to determine if that work culture matches personality.
Interview professionals (aides, case managers, teachers, etc.) Those people who spend much time with a person have helpful information about consistency of behaviors, triggers of positive and negative behaviors, personality traits and quirks, and a general history. If you are just meeting a jobseeker or have not known him or her for very long, the behaviors may be different for you; it is important to know what occurs over time.
Interview family and friends For the same reason you interview professionals, family and friends have even that much more information. Keep in mind during interviews of key stakeholders that you are recording PERSPECTIVES of facts and to always balance this information with your own actual observations and experiences.
Dbserve at home People act differently in different environments. Getting an idea of behavior trends at home provides you with insight into family dynamics that may be helpful while working through job interviews and work schedules with this person.
Standardized tests This type of assessment can gain useful information, especially about career interests. Keep in mind that not everyone is actually successful with standardized test taking, and make sure you are aware of all the supports that need to be provided for someone – such as having questions and answers read or even rephrased for someone, using pictures instead of words, and separating the test out into sections over time.



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Observe in the community  Again, people act differently in different environments – we all do! We act differently on a Saturday night out with friends than we do at work on Monday morning. Because the jobseeker will be finding a job out in the community, it is important to observe behaviors and skills that occur outside of school /agency and home. It is amazing what you will see people do out in the world that they wouldn't even attempt – whether it is because they don't need to or are not encouraged to –in the protected world of school, special education, and adult service agencies.)					
Mork simulations Although it is often difficult for people with Intellectual Disabilities to transfer skills they learn in one environment to another, it is still helpful to get a basic skill baseline, even if in a simulated setting. If you are at least aware of what someone is capable of doing in one environment, you have a better chance of creating a different way for him or her to do a similar task on a real job.					
Other: You may find other creative and interesting ways to gather information about a jobseeker not listed here already. Please describe what you've tried and how it worked here.					
First and Last Name of Specialist	Position Title:				
Michael Brown	Career Specialist				
Signature:	Date:				
	2025-02-20				



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