

My Transition Story – Life in School, Transition, Community College and Work. Trying to be Successful in my Life!

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I think that in school the things that helped me now were my going to regular classes, lunch, events. I was part of the school and had to learn how to get along with other kids and teachers. I am good at copying what is the right way to act and dress. I always liked doing the same things as kids my own age: like even now, I play video games, watch “Smallville”, go to movies and be with my boyfriend. Just like other girls that are my age – 21.

At my high school beginning with the Freshman retreat, I made a good friend. She was a junior and she helped me learn the way around the school, meeting other people and was just there for me. She helped me a lot.

My teachers in high school at first let me have help doing my work. Other students and even my Mom at home. But when I was a Junior they said that I had to do it more on my own. These are some of the tips that Mrs. Taylor, my teacher at high school taught me:

1. Use my planner to keep track of assignments.
2. Go to and talk my self to teachers if I had a question before I left school for the day.
3. Be on time; organized and accept bad grades or get in trouble if assignment were not on time.
4. Attempt my homework myself first before asking for help.
5. Use other students as helpers, not adults.

During my summer in high school I worked at my Dad and Mom’s offices. I learned how to put packets together, copy things and file. It takes me awhile to do these things as I am very careful. I do it right. I did not like working n their offices so much because I did not get to see many othere people. Sometimes I had to work in a conference room or in the workroom alone. I did not like this.

I decided I wanted to try childcare because I like little kids. My Mom got me a job at a childcare center at the U of W. I had to take the bus from the park n rid to the University Hospital and go thru the hospital, down the back staris, across the street and to the center. My Mom thought I would not learn this but I did. Maureen helped me take the bus at first. I never go lost I only missed my bus one time because it changed drivers one day and so I thought it was the wrong bus...That scared me and my Mom but I just called her on my cell phone and caught the next bus. I enjoyed my two summers there but found out that I would rather work with adults. Kids are too busy.

Whe I got to Transition school I knew what I wanted to do. I wanted to be a hostess at a Red Robin restaurant. My favorite place to eat. (back then) I told the transition people and they helped me get a job as a hostess at Chili’s Restaurant on Gilman in Issaquah. I love my job. I have been there now for at least 3 years and they hired me as an

employee. I go to all the company parties and picnics. They are so nice to me there. I am so good at my job. Very friendly and helpful.. They love me there. I am learning how to answer the phone now and take phone orders so that I can work lunches by myself this summer. That way I can get more hours.

I still go to “Venture” at Bellevue Community College. I take all sort of different classes but the part I like the best is seeing my friends and my boyfriend. I also like being at a college. I wish I could get to know some the kids that go there. I have been asking about taking other classes and maybe joining the tennis tem of a club so that I can get to know other kids.

I have a good life./ I am looking at moving into my own apartment with help from my Mom and Dad.

Thanks again for listening to me. You can email me with any questions.

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