

Transition Story

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My name is Kenny. I am 20 years old. My disability is autism. I am talking about transition from high school to college. One is I am learning to get around on the city bus really good. At the beginning, it was a little stressful, but now I'm really used to it. High school is different because you are still a young student, and now I am treated like an adult. I make my own choices and decisions. I am in charge of my own Individual Education Plan, (I.E.P).

A new thing I learned this school year is to get around on the city bus really good. I have my driver's license, I've had it since the beginning of my senior year. But, in the summer after my junior year, I took Driver's Ed at the B&B Driving School.

In high school, I made lots of friends there. This year, in IMAGES, at the beginning of the year, it was hard for me to make new friends, but, as the year moved on, it was easier for me to make friends.

I have two STRIVE work experience jobs now. One is I work at Hastings video and bookstore putting returned videos back on the shelves. My other work experience is at the Salvation Army, and I sort out all the color price tags. The job I really like is the Salvation Army because the easiest job is I put the color price tags away.

In IMAGES, we link with PACE which offers noncredit college classes for adults with disabilities. I'm taking PACE Fitness, in the fall and the winter, I took it at SFCC, and now, this spring quarter, I'm taking it at SCC and I'm really enjoying it because I get to be in good shape and I want to stay healthy.

I have a busy schedule because I volunteer two hours each week at Boys and Girls Club, 6 hours a week, I do my STRIVE experience, and I participate in classroom activities in the IMAGES program. I really enjoy my life.