

Employed at PRISMA Health

Meet Todd Harris



Employment Services



Todd came from Thrive Upstate as a referral for employment services (consumer's choice) to CHS Group South Carolina. He was out of work and felt there should be more to a job than any of his past experiences. His other jobs offered him little promise for better opportunities, sense of satisfaction, or fulfillment. In addition, his lack of employment was obstructing his future goals and self-sufficiency. This is his story!

The CHS Group South Carolina - Employment Consultant worked closely with Todd to complete the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Comprehensive Vocational Service

Assessment to obtain an understanding of his interests, knowledge, and employment goals.

Todd had janitorial, food services, and cash register experience and realized his prior jobs helped shape him for other opportunities. Being between jobs he was very open to learning new skills, new training, and willing to do what's necessary to obtain his next job.

CHS Group ensured Todd learned the importance of a solid resume with accurate information, how to conduct an interview with confidence; and how to have a healthy dialogue with employers and co-workers. He also received job coaching to ensure his success on the job.

The partnership that PRISMA Health and Greenville Collaborative Action Network (GCAN) developed was instrumental in getting Todd an interview at Greer PRISMA Health Hospital. The CHS Group employment consultant worked closely with him to help him be well prepared for his interview with a focus on what is most important to PRISMA Health. The interview was very thorough and also included four other staff members in which Todd answered questions and interacted with the staff himself. Upon completion of his interview, Todd was offered a position with PRISMA Health Hospital-Greer as a Food Service Assistant starting at \$12.62 per hour with full benefits. He has never earned more than minimum wage in his entire work history.

Todd is eagerly working towards his next level of independent living. He presently has his driver's permit and has goals of obtaining his South Carolina Driver's License and purchasing a car. He is an active member of the Kiwanis Aktion Club, doing various community projects such as feeding the homeless.

The moral of this story is that being taught skills nontraditionally can only enhance your ability to do exceptionally.

Congratulations Todd Harris on your accomplishments!