

CATCHING UP

Introducing Kaitlin!

My name is Kaitlin Knowles. I am from Champaign, IL. I recently graduated from North Central College in Naperville, IL with a major in Athletic Training and a minor in Psychology. I ran track at North Central College as well. I love to play sports, travel, and help others in any way that I can.



I am working with Community Choices as a part time Employment Specialist helping people who have developmental disabilities find employment while I am studying for my certification exam for athletic training. Other than athletic training and psychology, I have always had an interest in this type of work because I have a brother who is in the program and living with him has allowed me to gain the knowledge I need to be able to help others who are just like him.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- ✿ Dinner at Chili's
Thursday, January 7
6:00pm-8:00pm
- ✿ Speak Out & Family Meeting
Thursday, January 14
7:00pm-8:30pm
- ✿ Lunch Club at Hickory River
Smokehouse
Wednesday, January 20
11:30am-1:00pm
- ✿ Virginia Theater Tour and Lunch
Downtown
Wednesday, January 27
9:45am-12:30pm

For more information on social opportunities,
contact Annie Bruno at
217-722-4535 or
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Thank you to the Niswander family for hosting their annual Holiday Party!



Family Meeting & Speak Out

Thursday, January 14
7:00pm-8:30pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
2200 Philo Road in Urbana

Topics to be determined.

Participant Spotlight

Koal Hudson was hired on at Old Navy in Marketplace Mall in October. He has been trained to process new shipment, do price markdowns, set sale signs, work in the fitting room, and assist in cleaning the store, as well.

Koal graduated from Mahomet- Seymour High School in 2014, and worked at TJ Maxx for over a year. Koal joined the employment program in order to get more hours and learn some new job tasks.

When asked what he likes most about working at Old Navy, he says, "Everyone here is super nice and patient enough to let you learn how to do everything and let you do it the correct way. My favorite task is working on shipment because it keeps me busy. I don't like to stand around looking like I have nothing to do."



One of his managers, Brittany Knox (pictured above left) says, "It has been fun working with Koal. He is a hard worker and always does what is asked of him. We can show him something that he didn't know how to do and he catches on quickly."

In his spare time, Koal enjoys skateboarding, video games, and hanging out with friends. We are so proud of Koal and all that he has accomplished in just a few short months! Way to go!



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