

Delsie's Story

My Job at the National Bank of Middlebury

I have always worked even when I was in school.

I volunteered at a child care center when I was in high school.



Before going to the bank I worked at Middlebury College for three years.

I had help finding my jobs by Employment Associates of Addison County. I had someone who helped me train at both the college and the bank.

It was hard for me to leave the college for the bank job because I was afraid to change. But with the help and encouragement of Employment Associates and my family I was able to do it.

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What is Delsie doing now?

I have been working at the National Bank of Middlebury in Middlebury, Vermont for nine years. My position is Mail Room Clerk.

There are three other branches of the bank. I do the outgoing mail for all of the branches.



Some of my other duties are:



- ★ Sorting federal checks
- ★ Recycling
- ★ Taking mail to and from different departments
- ★ Unrolling and counting pennies

I live on the shuttle route so it is easy to go to and from work. Sometimes I need help from my caseworker at Employment Associates with paper work so we meet and she helps me fill it out or shows me how to fill it out.

I like having a job because I like the income that I make. It pays the



bills I have and I am able to buy my own clothes and other things I want. I also

like that my job gives me something to do each day.

My mother wants me to work. She thinks it is important to earn a living. I no longer receive SSI but I have worked enough to be able to get some of the other programs that are available for the working disabled.

The best part of my job is...

...helping my co-workers and having them help me.

They all treat me with respect.

They do not put me down

Timeline:

- ✓Volunteered at a child care center during high school
- ✓Went to Employment Associates (EA) to get help finding a job to make some money
- ✓Got a job at Middlebury College and worked there for three years after high school
- ✓I decided I wanted a different job. The people at EA helped me find a job to apply for at the National Bank of Middlebury.
- ✓People from EA helped me train for both jobs.
- ✓Someone from EA comes to see how I'm doing every week.
- ✓I've been working at the bank for 9 years now!

What can we learn from Delsie?

★ Did Delsie ask for help? From whom?

For you?

★ Who are some of the people *you* can turn to for help?

For you?

★ Is there an office nearby where *you* can get help with work-related things?

★ How does Delsie get to work?

For you?

★ What are some ways you could get around?

★ How does Delsie know her schedule and stick to it?

For you?

★ If you had a job like this, would you need any accommodations?

For you?

★ What kind of help would you need?

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