



Andy Meredith, High School Senior

Seeing a  
Brighter  
Future



Strengths  
Social  
Determined  
Shows initiative  
Hard working  
Independent  
Musical  
Creative

**Vision Statement**  
I get my own studio. My job is taking pictures. I get a small house. I get married to Maggie. I also work at Publix. It is really fun. I keep my money in the bank. I want to go to college and live in a new house by myself. My friends will come to my new house.

**Accomplishments**

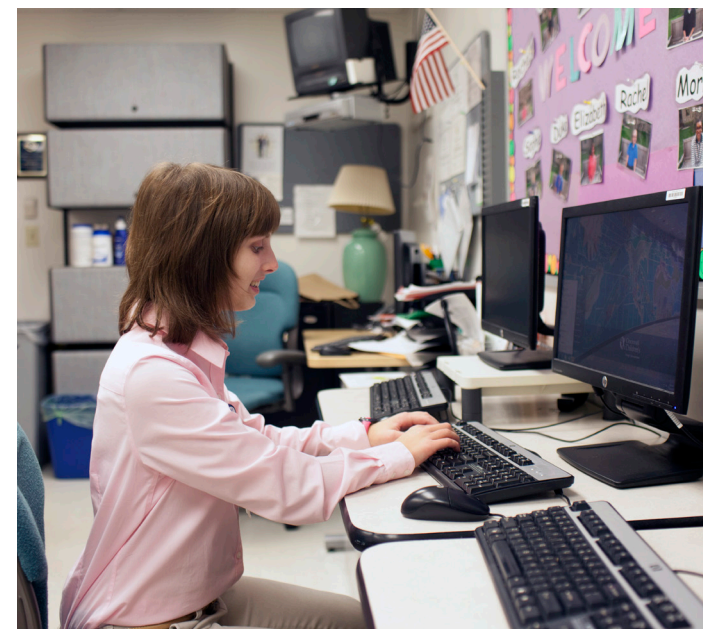
- Working at Publix since April 2017
- Earned Eagle Scout Award 2018
- Worked on Yearbook staff and lettered in Woodstock High School Mountain Bike Team
- Photography exhibited at Anna's Angels benefit auction and Russian Medical Colleges

**What works for me**

- Peer modeling and support
- Age-appropriate awards: breaks, money, music
- Specific explanations


**What doesn't work for me**

- Babying
- Removing me from friends



Areas Needing Help  
Reading  
Math  
Counting money  
Managing time  
Keeping track of a schedule

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**  
Every child deserves to develop their talents and follow their dreams.

  
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## Exploring Employment

What are your hopes and dreams for your son or daughter's future?

What are 2 steps can you take at home or in the community to prepare for work?

1.

2.

What is the value of employment in your son or daughter's life?

What are your greatest concerns about employment?

What does your son or daughter like to do, and what are his or her talents or skills? What jobs can you imagine?

What are 3 action steps you can take at home right now to help your son or daughter get ready for work?

1.

2.

3.

Write down two soft skills your son or daughter has and corresponding work skills.

1.

2.

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