



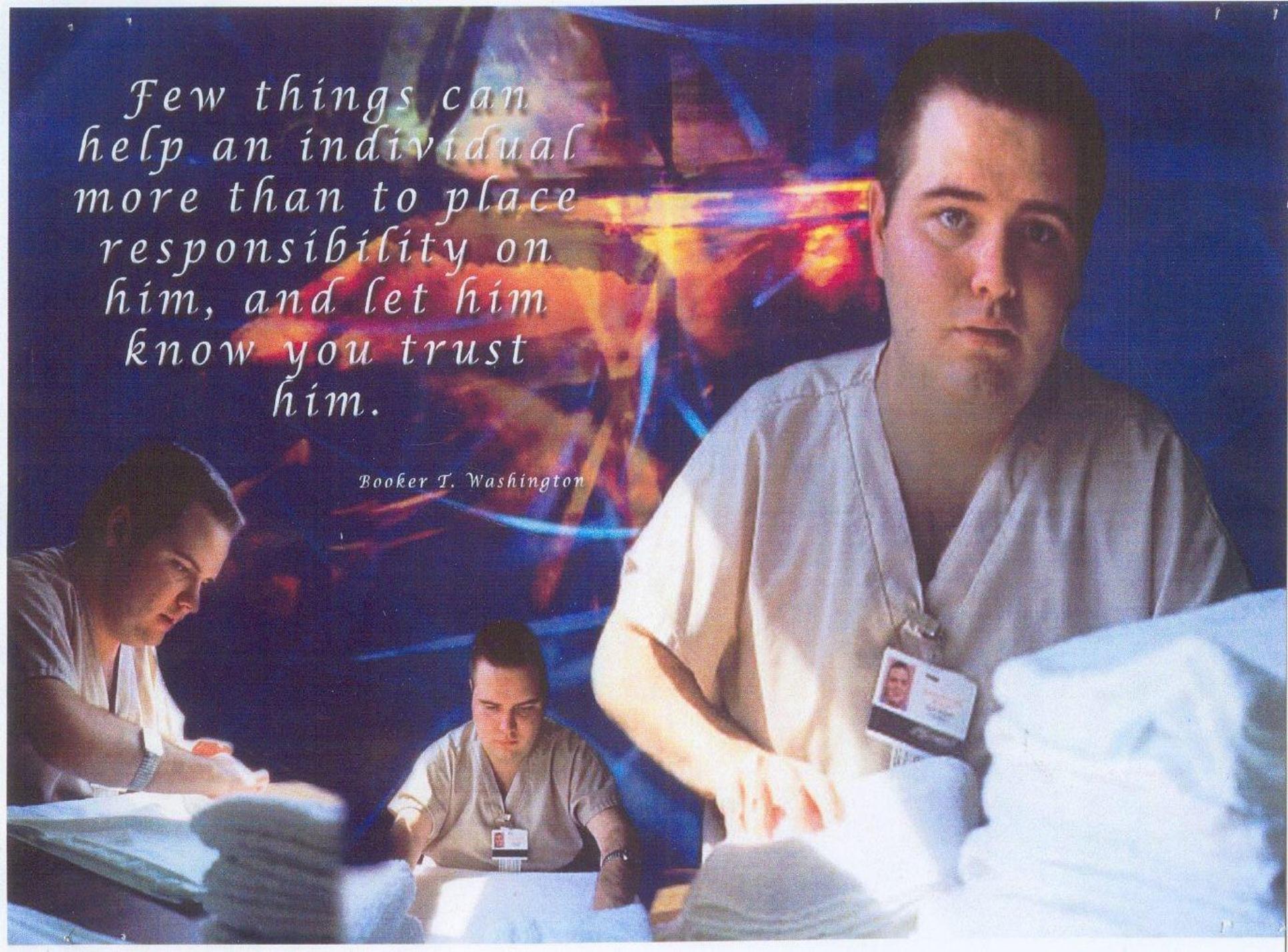
WEST VIRGINIA INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Transition Success: “Alan’s Story”

Living an Enviably Life in Rural West Virginia

*Few things can
help an individual
more than to place
responsibility on
him, and let him
know you trust
him.*

Booker T. Washington



Language Development Transition to Center Based PS



Following Instructions



Language

Receptive: What the child understands

Expressive: What the child says

Applied Behavior Analysis....

A Behavioral approach to teaching
language.

A Way to teach Alan

- One on one simple tasks/requests broken down into many steps
- Delightful Reinforcements for the individual
- Very frequent breaks
- Praise for success suited to the individual

ABA Method taught to parents, teacher and aide

Results for Alan

1. Call someone by name
2. Identify pictures by name
3. Ask for help
4. Ask for basic needs to be met
5. Beginning of simple communication

Inclusion/Mainstreaming Transition to KG



Results

- Increase language
- Following simple directions and routines
- Peer modeling
- Following rules
- First enjoyment interaction with peers...First crush on a little girl

Challenges for Regular Classroom

Identification of
Sensory needs
and over
stimulating
School activities



IEP Considerations for Grade School

- Full Time Support Aide
- Modified Curriculum
- OT and PT
- Consultative ongoing Services from the WV Autism Training Center

School and Home Sensory Solutions

- Tire Swings
- Vibrating toys
- Squeezing
- Self made “shakies” for stemming





Sensory Integration Therapy in the Community

McDonalds Playland

- Swimming
- Boat rides without motor
- Spinning tire swings

Other Helpful Adaptations

- Noise Reduction Headphones
- Allowed to leave noisy events at School when needed
- Fire alarm warnings from Principal
- Last or first in line at school
- Playground Swings

Autism Itinerant Teacher

- Services that travel to where the student's home school.
- Beginning to prepare for Middle school



Title XIX Waiver Services

- Application at age 17
- Need for future Job support

- Additional Speech Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy outside of School
- Service Coordination

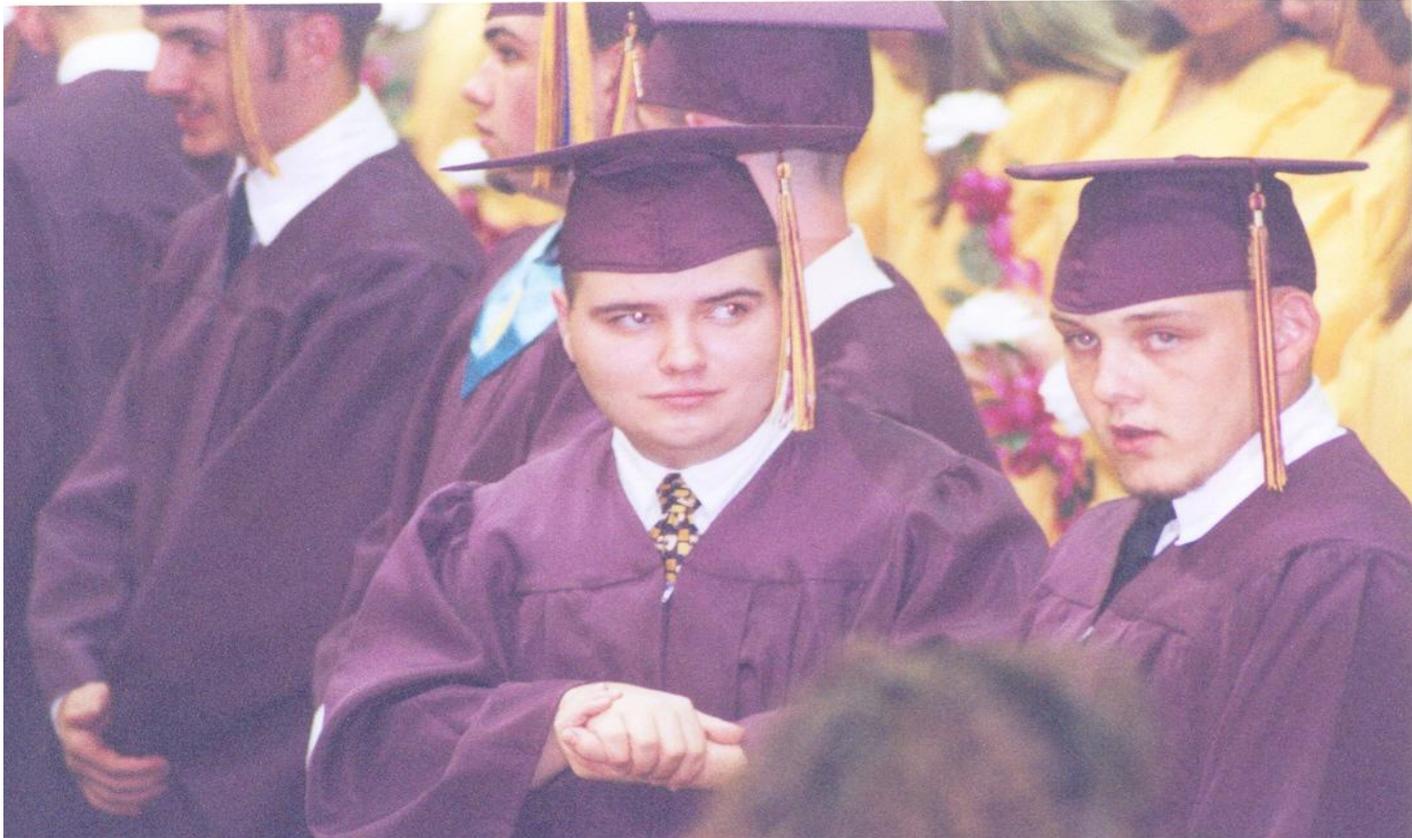
Transition to Jr. High School

- Visits to School with autism teacher and aide
- Same transition activities as other students
- Social considerations prep. began in 4th grade
- Attending IEP regularly 7th grade
- Preparing plan for continued support
- LD Classroom considerations

School to Work



High School Graduation



Planning for Life Beyond School
Graduation with Peer Support

Transition Planning

- Looking for resources, DRS Regional Counselor
- School Transition Plan - IEP
- Parent Trainings Specific to Rights and Policy
- School to Work
- Job Coach options

Resources

- WV DOE Transition Coordinator: Karen Ruddle: kruddle@access.k12.wv.us
- Partnerships for Assistive Tech. (phone) 1-800-841-8436
- WV Division of Rehab Services
www.wvdrs.org Regional Services

Advocacy Resources

- WV Advocates: 800-950-5250

www.wvadvocates.org

WV EMS Technical Support Network

www.wvemstsn.net

800-525-6234

WV Legal Aid

800-642-8279 www.lawv.net/Home/PublicWeb

Job Match

- Using interests and passions and even obsessions
- Best suited environments for success
- Levels of support
- Resources
- Training options

Home School and Community

- Lifelong Friends
- Acceptance
- Valued
- Belonging

Valued

- Self Confidence
- Feeling of self-worth
- Eager to do school work to get on the job
- Increased ability to self-manage challenges
- Maturity
- Enjoyment of praise on the job
- Looking forward to Mondays

Appropriate Job Support



5 year Party



Supervisor

- Yearly Evaluations, Salary Increases and Bonuses



IS IT REALLY WORTH ALL THE EFFORT?

WHAT ARE SOME POSSIBLE RESULTS?

- Living the good life
- Loving what you do
- Feeling valued for who you are
- Having a chance to contribute
 - Acceptance
 - Relationships that grow
 - Self satisfaction

Additional benefits continue

- Expressive language increases
- Activities at work
- \$12.00 an hour now
- Increased duties on the job

Living and working in the real world has given Alan his ability to adapt to the challenges of his disability without additional need for OT, PT, and other therapies or meds!

Plans to show his car



His success paves the way for
others.

Six other young men in our county
successfully employed.

Zachary

- Cafeteria aide
- Pool Attendant in the summer



Real work – valued employee



Support when needed



Celebrating 5 years on the job with Brian Hartman from Central Supply



Congratulations from the Boss



Enjoying Success



Real Work leads to relationships



Continued Social Progress

- Dancing with the Bride



Increasing Participation in Events



Sharing Happy Events with Friends



Enjoying community friendships



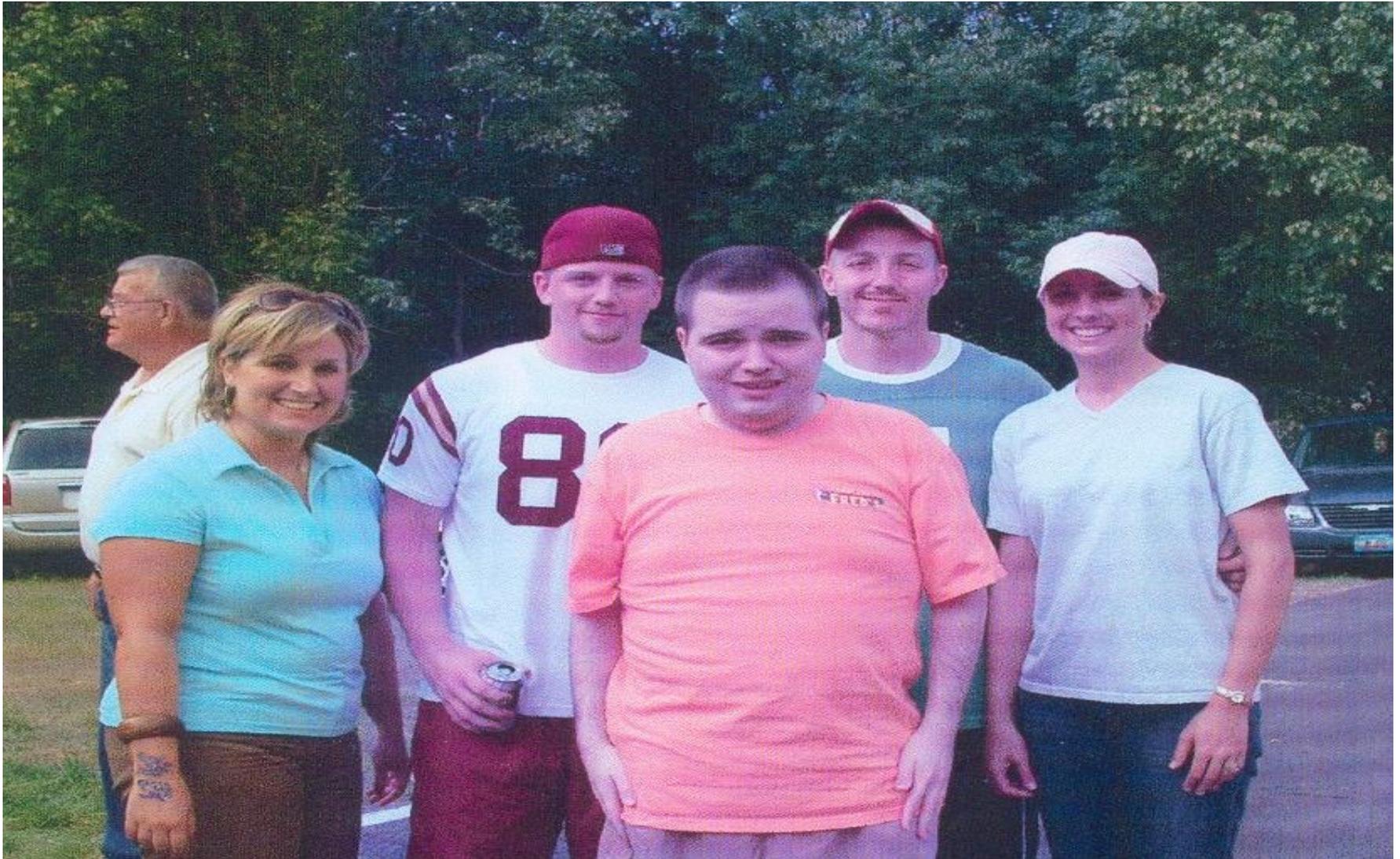
Community Events on his own



Having friends who always include you.



Maintaining Friends/Relationships



Self Advocacy

- Disability Caucus. Fair Shake Network Membership
- My attendance: Partners in Policy Making Class



Disability Caucus March to Capitol



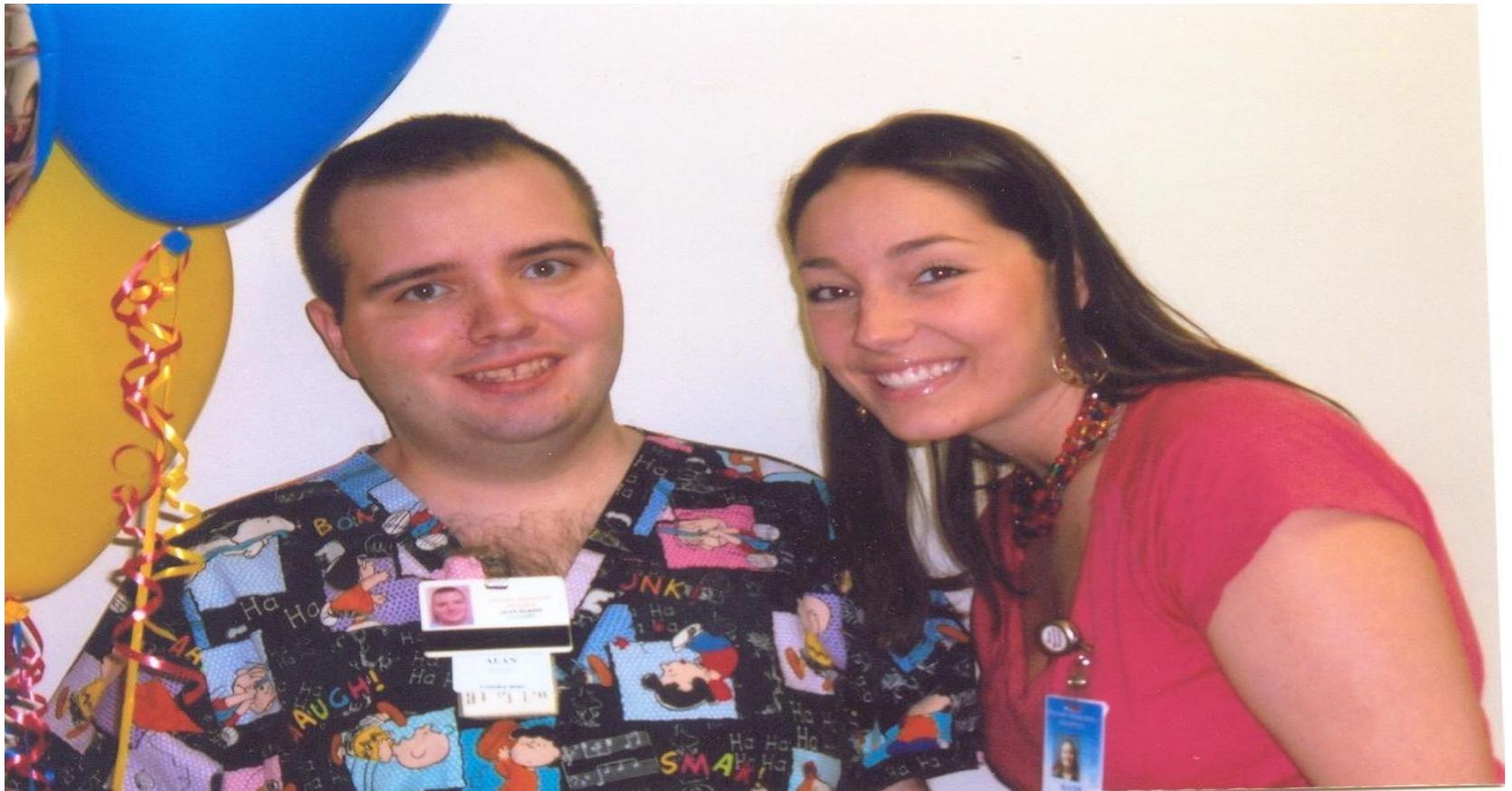
Fair Shake Network

- Disability Advocacy Day at the Capitol



Friends you meet on the Job

Keeping up with them.....



Recognition5 year Pin



Service Coordination/ IPP

Self Determination < > Planning your life



IDD Waiver Team Meeting



Visit to Senator Jay Rockefeller's Office to advocate for others



Treatments/Getting the most out of life.

- ABA Therapy
- Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy (Sensory Integration)
- Positive Behavioral Supports in School
- Included in all school events
- Needed Support
- Job Training
- Employed
- Friends
- Being part of the community

10 Years on the Job

- Excellent yearly evaluations
- Recent 25% Raise
- Increase in Friendships
- Yearly Company Activities

Jeannie Elkins

- **Past Member and Chair, West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council**
- **Co- Chair Medley Hartley Advocacy Advisory Board**
 - **Chair WV ATC Advisory Board**
 - **Member WV Olmstead Council**
 - 1998 PIP Graduate
 - **Member WV Fair Shake Network**
 - **IDD Waiver QAI Council**

Alan Elkins

- 2003 Sherman High Graduate
- Boone Memorial Hospital Laundry Aide
- 2005 BMH Employee of the Month
- 10 Years on the Job Sept. 2013
- Member WV Fair Shake Network
- 2013 Recognized on House of Delegates Floor (Disability Advocacy Day)
- ASWV Recognized Success

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