



Korbin's Success Story

Meet Korbin. Last school year, while attending Tenino High School and participating in the School to Work program, he worked with an employment consultant with the goal of finding a job before he left school services at the age of 21. Though he has developmental disabilities, hypotonia (lack of muscle tone), and a rare form of diabetes, Korbin doesn't let much deter him.

While Korbin's employment consultant was helping him search for jobs, the Tenino Community Service Center (TCSC) was looking for a candidate for their Workforce Training Program. The program's mission is to offer employment to graduates of Tenino High School's transition program so students can build upon their skills. Korbin accepted TCSC's job offer and started working in September 2022.

"Tenino is a small town with only a few employment opportunities for our young people. We decided to create our Workforce Training Program to give special education students in our community an opportunity to succeed. Korbin is a huge asset for us. He has grown into his job so well that it is a shock to us when he takes a day off."

Jody Stoltz, Executive Director
Tenino Community Service Center

Korbin works five hours per day, three days per week. His daily tasks include loading food into bags and boxes for the food bank clients, loading and unloading delivery vans, and helping the food bank van driver deliver food to clients' homes.

When asked about his job, Korbin said, "I love working, because I get to help people. I don't have a favorite task, because I enjoy them all." With his first paycheck, he was excited to buy a new PlayStation 5.

Tammy, Korbin's mom, conveyed, "Korbin was scared of getting a job after exiting school, but the School to Work program has given him confidence and now he feels very proud of himself. He is more responsible now, motivated, and enjoys interacting with his co-workers and the community."

