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Project Oz

Community Youth Employment Program

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Meet Telia

Hey guys! My name is Telia and I'm a current participant in the Jobs Program at Project Oz. Thanks to working with Project Oz for about 8 months, I've been able to secure stable housing and start a new job. I'm a single mom with a 3-year-old, and want the best for our future.

Project Oz's Jobs Program has allowed me to evaluate my options, helped me get my uniform for my new job, provided me with hands-on experience in the field I'm interested in, and boosted my self-confidence. Project Oz has given so much support to me throughout this process, I'm especially grateful their assistance will continue as I continue to work. I really like this program!

Just give us a chance..

Interviews can be nerve-wracking. But with a little help from her Project Oz caseworker and a shopping trip, Tori found the experience rewarding in more ways than one. After assessing appropriate styles and colors for an office environment, Tori and her caseworker visited Walmart a few hours before her interview with Recycling Furniture for Families, and discovered workable options.

For Tori, this trip to a dressing room was extra special. It was the first time she'd tried on something new since having her daughter two months earlier. Her interview was her first since before her pregnancy, and it was the first time in years she had someone to cheer her on the way.

When Tori emerged wearing a new outfit, she also wore a new smile. By the second outfit, she was glowing with confidence. Once her clothes choices were made, she was able to practice interview questions and give easy responses. She shone from the inside out, and **she got the job!**

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Do you want to be a part of the success of Bloomington/Normal's youth? Become a Community Employment Partner. Contact us at YouthJobs@projectoz.org or call us (309) 827-0377



We Welcome Our Two Latest Jobsites



Palace Events is a wedding/event coordinating and rental business located in Bloomington, IL. We offer the Central Illinois area a unique collection of wedding and event rentals, such as: tents, linens, tables & chairs, uplighting, and much more! In addition to our rental services, we also offer wedding coordinating packages for your big day.

We have been around for just over seven years, and have had the pleasure of providing services anywhere from setting up a tent for a graduation party, to planning and executing a dream wedding.



Recycling Furniture for Families (RF4F) gives gently used furniture and household basics to pre-screened people in need in McLean County. Our non-denominational Christian charity works with more than 50 local service agencies and churches to provide basic home furnishings at no charge to people living at or below the poverty level (\$11,880 annual income for one person; add \$4,020 for each additional person). Everyone we help is pre-screened by a referring agency or church.

Partner Job Sites



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"Without investment there will not be growth, and without growth there will not be employment." **Muhtar Kent**



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