

Summer JAM Success Story



Jack Johnson

This is Jack Johnson's first year participating in the Summer JAM program and first summer job ever! Jack is working for the Erie County Redevelopment Authority; primarily in landscaping.

Jack enjoys working outdoors, with his hands and the landscape tools. Mid-way through the program, Jack's supervisor reached out to a Summer JAM Peer Counselor expressing some concerns that Jack may be struggling with the workload and schedule. The Summer JAM Peer Counselor immediately followed-up with Jack, who indicated that, at times, he finds it difficult to prioritize his tasks. The Peer Counselor reminded Jack that since this was his first job he would experience a learning curve, but that it's important to communicate with his supervisor when unsure or having difficulty completing tasks. The Peer Counselor put together a plan and mediated a conversation with Jack and his Supervisor that worked for all parties. With everyone on the same page, both Jack and his Supervisor are pleased with the outcome thus far. Jack is also practicing his soft skills, building stronger communication skills, and learning to ask for help at work.