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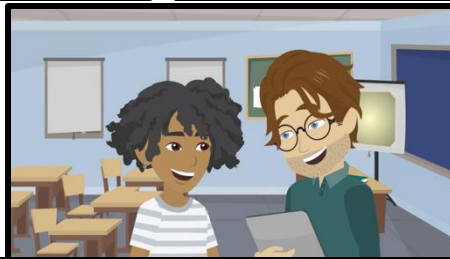
Meet Trey

1 Hi, my name is Trey, and I have a developmental disability!

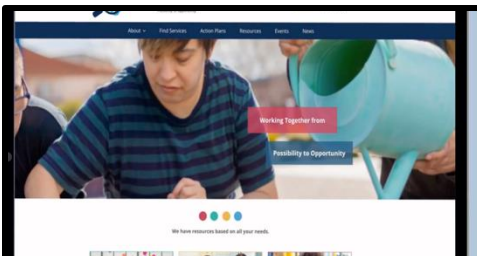
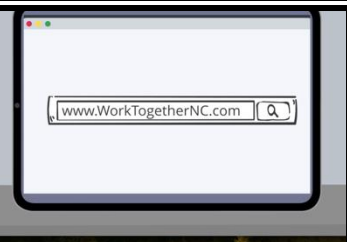
2 I'm thinking about what I want to do after high school.



3 There are so many choices, and it can be confusing.



4 My teacher told me about a website called WorkTogetherNC.com, which helps students like me explore options for education after high school. We decided to check it out together.



5 I learned that there are a few different paths I can take. Some people go to college and get a diploma. Others go to community college for a certificate program, where you learn a specific skill, like fixing cars or working with computers. I like working with my hands, so I'm thinking about getting a certificate in auto mechanics.



6 My high school courses are important for my future.



7 I have to take the right classes to get into the certificate program I want.



8 Students who want to go to a University may need to take more math and English classes.



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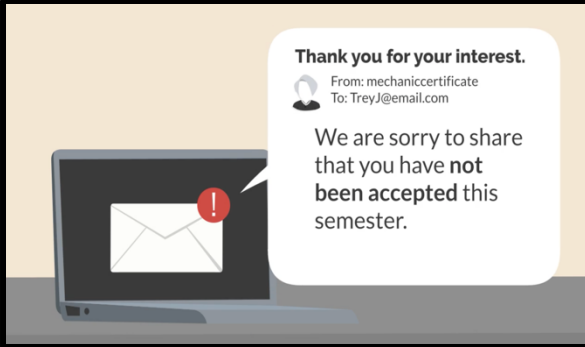
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13 They helped me figure out what I need to do to get into the auto mechanics program. They also helped me make sure I had the right classes and grades.



14 I applied to the program, but sadly, I didn't get in on my first try.



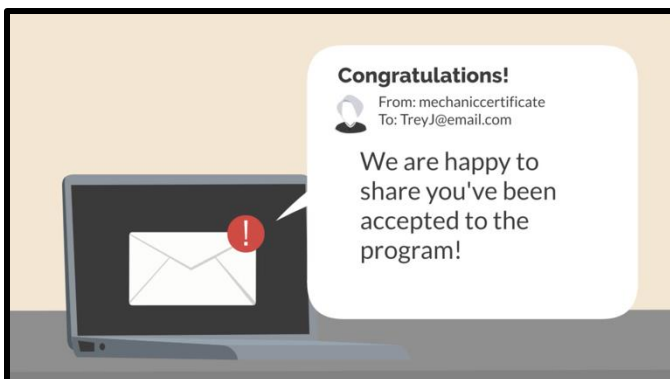
15 So, I decided to take a year off after graduating high school. During that year, I am going to do some volunteering and learn more about cars from my dad's friend, who owns a local car repair shop.

Fast Forward >>



ONE YEAR
LATER

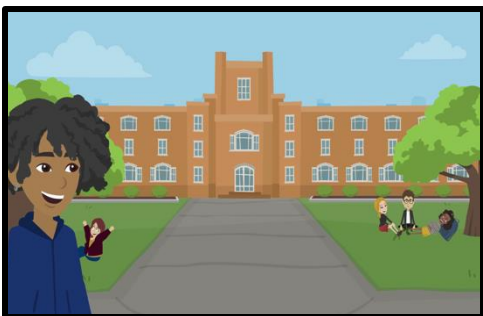
16 A year later, I'm excited to share that things have changed!



17 I've gained new skills and experiences, and the second time I applied to the auto mechanics program, I got in!



18 I am glad I kept working toward my goal— and as my teacher explained, it's okay to have “twists and turns” in my life's path.



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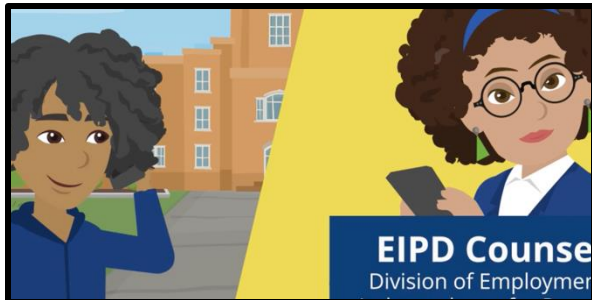
When I learned that I'd gotten into the program, I contacted my EIPD counselor right away to let them know I got in & to see whether they can help me pay for the program. College and certificate programs cost money, and some can even be very expensive.



20 I also learned that I will need to work with a new team of people at my college. These are accessibility service officers.



21 They will help me get the supports I need to be successful in my classes, which are called accommodations. For example, I will need extra time on tests.



22 Accommodations? Is that when they will help and support me to be successful in my classes, like getting extra time on tests?



23 “That’s right!” my counselor responds. I’m excited to start college next fall and take the next step toward my dream of becoming an auto mechanic.

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