

MATTHEW'S SUCCESS STORY



Matthew received support from Nisonger Behavior Support Services after transitioning to a community home from his family home. Matthew was displaying behaviors that were disruptive and unsafe to himself and others in the home. He has limited communication skills and through our assessment it was found that the living situation was potentially dangerous for Matthew. The behavior specialist and service coordinator were able to advocate for a move to an environment which was safe and a better fit.

Supports were designed to respect Matthew's rights as an adult and provide staff with the tools needed to best support him. Staff were trained on replacing unsafe behaviors with positive skills such as increasing ability to communicate, developing a daily schedule, and using self-calming skills. Regular team meetings were held and trainings were provided to staff and caregivers. The behavior specialist assisted with creating trust amongst the team and helping them understand Matthew's unique needs.

Matthew is currently flourishing while living in the community and engaging in positive social relationships. He was previously unable to attend adult day services due to his unsafe behaviors. He now attends three times per week and enjoys being active in the community and socializing with others while there. The behavior specialist has been able to fade off the team due to success.