



EMORY VALLEY CENTER

MAXIMIZING HUMAN ABILITIES

2020 Annual Report - In Brief

OUR MISSION:

To enhance the lives of children, adults and families in an environment that promotes independence, dignity and respect.

312

Employees

11,000

Annual Training Hours Completed



People we support and staff enjoying "Drive-in Movie Night" together

Annual Budget

\$15.1 million

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

87

children served

End of Year Assessments

100%

Children Kindergarten Ready

60%

Over 90th Percentile On Progress Test



2,996

people supported in multiple East TN counties

EARLY INTERVENTION



County	Children Served
Anderson	143
Blount	125
Campbell	10
Claiborne	19
Cocke	25
Grainger	27
Hamblen	80
Jefferson	49
Knox	337
Loudon	33
Monroe	25
Roane	2
Sevier	177
Union	13
Assessments	1138
TOTAL	2,203

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

39

Adults Working in the Community



172

Adults served through the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; Employment and Community First; and CHOICES.

FAMILY SUPPORT

1,046

Services Provided to Families

County	Families Served
Anderson	42
Blount	61
Campbell	16
Cocke	15
Jefferson	23
Knox	254
Loudon	22
Morgan	12
Roane	31
Scott	15
Sevier	43
TOTAL	534

KOBIE'S SUCCESS STORY

When we first met Kobie, he was a very shy young man who did not like to leave his home. Emory Valley Center staff met with Kobie and his mother to get to know them better, and soon, a trusting relationship began. Not long after that, Kobie was ready to start working toward being more independent.

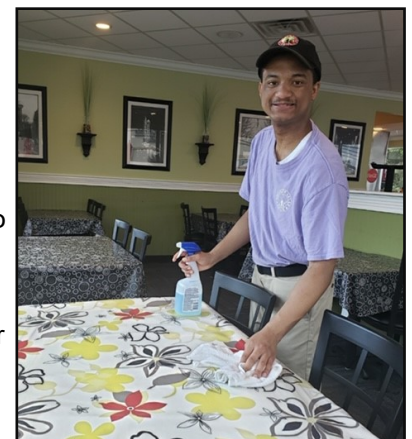
Kobie went to work with services available at the center that included job research, how to fill out a job application, participating in mock interviews and volunteering. But even though he knew what he wanted to do, it sometimes took him 30 minutes to an hour or more to be able to leave his home.

His Workforce Manager came up with creative ways to engage with Kobie as they started each day together, and he was soon participating in different opportunities for him to learn new things. It wasn't long before he began to open up and engage more with people around him.

Then, Kobie had the opportunity to interview at a busy restaurant in Knoxville. He was nervous, but our Workforce Manager told him he was proud of him and encouraged him by saying "let's go get that job!" Kobie responded by thanking him for being his friend. Not only did Kobie have a great interview, but the manager hired him on the spot to begin his job the following week!

Kobie has been enjoying working and receives daily compliments from his customers and management on what a great job he is doing. He has made friends at work, a family that is very proud of him, and a job where he excels and that he enjoys.

Emory Valley Center is happy to provide services to assist Kobie in achieving his goals toward a more independent life.



Kobie is working hard and enjoying his job (photo taken before COVID-19)