

## Meet Kevin Archambault!

Kevin Archambault enjoys his work as a Surgical Center Unit Rep at Overlook Medical Center. Kevin found his employment through <a href="Project Search">Project Search</a> - a high school transition program that provides real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills. The aim is to help youths with disabilities make successful transitions from school to competitive employment. With the help of a Project HIRE job coach, Kevin works five days a week in the community. Click the video to the right to hear Kevin describe his employment responsibilities and his life.



## Project HIRE Director Authors Letter on NDEAM



## Raising Awareness about the Benefits of Employment

Project HIRE Director Adam Kubler marked National Disability Employment Awareness Month with a letter to the editor about work in the community for individuals with I/DD. Published in multiple papers across New Jersey, Adam's letter states: "Regardless of if we're in a job we love, following our passion, or still searching for work that makes us happy, employment is the natural and expected next step in our society. Yet for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, we seem to set the bar much lower without understanding the disservice of doing so." Read the full letter to the editor by clicking here.

## The Arc of NJ, The Arc US Celebrate NDEAM in Newark

Celine Fortn, The Arc of New Jersey's Associate Executive Director, Barbara Coppens, Self-Advocate, and Trudy Jacobson, Senior Executive Officer, Development & Marketing, The Arc of the US, celebrated National Disability Employment Awareness Month at Prudential's National

Headquarters in Newark earlier this month.

Prudential's annual event, "Inclusion Drives Innovation," included a half day seminar in recognition of NDEAM and focused on having an inclusive workplace.



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