



Barriers I experienced when looking for jobs

The first picture I see me on the computer. I was sitting on the couch applying for jobs. The second picture is the applications I had applied for at that time cuz I was interested in being an office assistant. At times I wanted to give up on applying for jobs. Paper applications or online job search applications were hard! When I submit an application, most of the time the employee will email me back and say we don't think you meet the qualifications. Even though my resume is real good.

I did not give up because I love to work. I never let my disability stop me from trying other job positions. I would suggest never giving up, keep pushing and just find other things that you would like to do. But I never had seen myself working with kids or working in a job with kids. And I know they'll use something different out of other jobs I did, but like office assistant. So I would say try other jobs you might not be interested in doing, but you would wanna try it out and see how you like it. Do an assessment on that and see how you like doing that. "Hey, I wanna know how to cook." So they'll take you to assessment to a restaurant or a, um, fast, fast food and see how you like doing that. Make sure you and your parent advocate and to make sure your education and goals are met before you get to your senior.