



When I first started working with BEST I was struggling with some personal stuff that really made it hard for me to find work. Working alongside my Employment Specialist (ES), I was able to set out some realistic goals that I wanted to achieve, my top goal being to save up enough money to help provide for my son. My ES not only worked to help coach me but she was able to see the best in me even when I couldn't see it at the time.

Within no time, my ES had set up a working interview; for someone like me who often struggles with interviews, this was a great way for me to showcase my skills and strengths. It was an amazing experience because shortly after seeing me do the work, they wanted to have me start as soon as possible! I was able to start the position within 3 DAYS!

Now I am not only able to support myself financially but I am able to provide for my son and spoil him when we go on father-son dates which is amazing!

When my ES asked my boss of my progress and work ethic she said: "If I could have 10 more crew members like Ramon, my job and life would be so much easier. Ramon always comes to work with a great attitude and is ready to help serve our customers in the best way possible and he is such an important part of our team!"

Hearing that along with feeling like I am appreciated by my coworkers makes me feel good. My work friends feel like I have a community of support that I can rely on.

Some people may ask "Why have an ES" and my response is that "She doesn't do my job but she comes with me to help me do my job better and to figure out how I can be more efficient at work. She helps me feel better when I go into interviews or meeting because I know she will be able to help explain things that I don't understand as well."

