



Helping Children & Youth with Autism
Grow & Flourish in their Families & Communities

Hi, my name is Donna and I'm excited to be doing some work at your company/organization! Here are some things about myself to help you get to know me. Some things I really like are saying hi to the people I know, telling jokes, and being independent. I like to interact with others by talking to you, telling you my jokes, waving, and showing you the cool things that I have. Some great ways to interact with me are to say hi, wave, smile, tell me some of my jokes, and asking me about my day. Sometimes working is hard or there are things that are difficult for me. Some things that I may have trouble with are when I don't feel like I am getting enough attention, when I have to wait too long, or when somebody touches me or my personal items without asking. If something is too hard, sometimes I might yell, cry, or hit my teacher. When difficult things happen, some of my options are to calm my body down, leave, or keep working if I can keep it together. My teacher will help by reminding me of my rules and what I am working for, making sure I am safe, helping me to calm my body by talking to me, or asking me to leave. In these situations, it really helps when others don't look at me or talk to me until my teacher says I'm ready and I am calm. I really appreciate it when people understand that sometimes it is hard but I can try better next time if something goes wrong. I really want to be successful in my job and to become more and more independent. Working independently makes me feel happy. Thank you for giving me a chance! I am looking forward to getting to know you while giving back to my community.

Sincerely, *Donna*