

STARS welcomes Hampton Inn Peoria as a new community employment partner of the STARS Employment First Initiative (EFI).

Though previously unfamiliar working with people with developmental disabilities, the team at Hampton Inn Peoria interviewed Kaidin and, upon seeing his potential, dedication, and eagerness to engage with them, immediately created a unique staff position to provide opportunity for Kaidin's employment.

Working through the EFI Discovery process with STARS job placement coordinator, Kris Chilvers, Kaidin set a personal goal to become more confident in his communication with others and discovered a desire to work in the janitorial field. Following several months of Kaidin and, with Kris' guidance from his job placement coordinator for preparing job applications, while improving his communication skills in preparation the interview process.

Since hiring Kaidin, the Hampton Inn Peoria has created innovative tasks to ensure Kaidin's success in his new position.

Benjamin Coles, General Manager of Hampton Inn Peoria, says that *"Kaidin has become a loyal and valuable team member at the Hampton Inn and is communicating well with the staff and hotel guests."*

"Being a member of the Hampton Inn Peoria team has boosted Kaidin's confidence, which is noticeable at work and in his daily life," notes Kris, Kaidin's job placement coordinator.

STARS understands it takes willing and compassionate leadership to employ people with developmental disabilities and recognizes the Hampton Inn Peoria as such an employer. For more information about the hotel, visit [Hampton Inn Peoria](#)



STARS mission is to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, seeking to change lives through opportunity. For information, visit [STARS Employment Services](#) or contact Jules Hyde at (480) 405-9818.

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