



DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2025

Meet Wilmer, ServiceSource's 2024 'Service Excellence Award' recipient for his hard work, dedication, and outstanding personal achievements. As a food service worker at Fort Myer, "Wilmer has been a highly productive member of the team from the start of his employment -- he has strived to improve his attendance and during the past year he has made incredible progress," says Wilmer's former supervisor. If you ask Wilmer, he likes that his job keeps him active and allows him to meet and work with new people. He also likes the ability to earn his own money. "I like to go shopping," Wilmer said, and his job gives him that independence. Wilmer's mom has seen changes in her son since starting work in 2021. "He is getting better with his confidence," she said. Wilmer shared that receiving his award made him feel proud - like he can do anything. In fact, Wilmer, with the help of his Support Coordinator, is setting goals for 2025!



Updates & Things:

- March is DD Awareness Month -- ask your DS Support Coordinator for details!
- Ask your Support Coordinator how to sign-up to receive the Developmental Services Newsletter straight to your email!
- The next DD Committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM. Join using this [link](#).
- Watch 'Makayla's Voice' about a teen with autism who unlocks a world of self-expression. Now on Netflix.
- Watch 'Out of my mind' about a sixth grader with cerebral palsy, with the help of assistive technology, shows that what she says is more important than how she says it. Now on Disney+.

Did you know?

Developmental Services has a new provider and residential setting for respite services. Individuals open to Developmental Services can now access center-based respite in the County instead of traveling to Springfield, VA.

The respite setting is a part of the new Irving Street group home operated by [enCircle](#). Contact your Support Coordinator for more information.

Have you been?

The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Committee meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm. Meetings are held virtually or in person and are open to the public. Individuals with DD, their families/guardians, and providers are encouraged to join!

Each meeting focuses on informative topics that have included: budget priorities, Listen&Learn events with community partners, Developmental Services' program updates, and more. The Committee also receives public comments at the beginning of each meeting. To learn more contact La Voyce Reid, lreid@arlingtonva.us

Events:

Be on the lookout for the Winter 2025 Community Integration Game Night event! Hosted by Arlington Developmental Services. Invitations are forthcoming; ask your Support Coordinator for details.

