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From the Program Director's Desk ~

Reinforcement :

We talk about reinforcement a lot around here. We start talking about it during article 9, and we talk about it almost every day from that point on. Reinforcement is a powerful tool which encourages people to keep doing the great things they are doing.

My article last month focused on the awesome work of the adult day program and their hard work to set up new, creative and fun activities. This was a form of reinforcement or commendation for the hard work and teamwork that is happening in the program.

This month I would like to highlight the teamwork and hard work that has been taking place in Wickenburg. There have been a lot of changes and many opportunities for people

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Choice ~ Respect ~ Participation ~ Presence

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The New Guy



Pictured: Matthew (in yellow ASI shirt)

I have Cerebral Palsy:

What is Cerebral Palsy?

Cerebral Palsy was caused by a lack of oxygen in my brain when I was born. I have parents who are risk takers. Everything that I went through surgically was a risk; this was to give me the best possible outcome. The benefits always outweighed the risks. There were many risks. C.P. affects people differently. I was not supposed to walk according to my doctors. The goal was to give me as "normal" a life as possible. Ten surgeries later, here I am. My parents never told me I could not do something. They did tell me to finish what I start and to give 110% of myself. My mother and father raised me as if I was

normal and the world was different. I just adapted to my surroundings and learned through different experiences. I am always thinking about my spatial environment, things in my way. I think this is a way to protect myself. This is because I have poor balance, really good hearing, and a middle of the road set of eyes. I went to high school, had a good and successful time there and got into sports at a young age. I have a BA in recreation and a minor in marketing (an expensive piece of paper).

My parents were both athletes, mom a golfer and dad a quarterback. I have always had a will to succeed or win. I have a positive attitude and love to see others benefit from what I am

able to give back. I am motivated and like to prove people wrong, it's a passion of mine. I have overcome many things, but attitude is everything.

Three things to remember:

1. Don't stop believing in yourself.
2. Always try something new. You might like it!
3. What is normal anyway?????

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What We Do

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Habilitation, Respite, Attendant Care, In-home Supports

Day Treatment
Adult and Child Day Treatment, After School and Summer Programs

Residential Support
Supported Community Living, Specialized Living Arrangements