



Spotlight on Staff

DAVID BILODEAU

Job Coach, Father of Four

David Bilodeau is a job coach in the Employment Services Department. He loves his job, calling it the best he's ever had. But he also has other loves – his four sons, his girlfriend, and ... his hats. He is a self-described "hat guy."

"I almost always wear hats," David explained. "I came into work a couple of weeks ago without a hat and everyone kept saying, 'Something's different. Did you get a haircut?'"

He joined the Favarh staff in October 2016 and last spring began managing our crew that performs assembly of three different-sized fuse clips at Plymouth Spring in Bristol. He not only manages the largest Group Supported Employment (GSE) crew we have – six crew members – he also performs quality control, making sure all the clips they assemble are correct.

He has received high praise from Joe Devoe, the Plymouth Spring manager who oversees the crew, who recently called David, "a great coach" due to his sensitive and caring management of the crew members as well as his attention to detail related to quality control.

"Quality is very important," said David. "Even if you just do three pieces, they need to be done right."

David has had a variety of jobs. He's been a landscaper, a dietary aide, a janitor, and has worked with a remodeling company, but it's his job at Favarh that he called "the best I've had. I love it here. Everyone is very easy going. You just get that happy vibe from everyone and it's nice to help out the guys."

A native of Bristol, he still lives there with his girlfriend, Lindsey, and their four sons ranging in age from seven months to seven years – Nathan, Blake, Oliver and Mason. Taking care of his four boys, in fact, takes most of his free time away from Favarh.

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