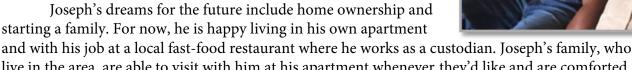
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Mississippians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Joseph Nolan's Story

When Joseph Nolan arrived at Ellisville State School, he was in a place in his life where he wanted to make some changes. Encouragement to pursue his own path, one that was happier and healthier, lead Joseph to chose to live in an apartment in his hometown of Jackson with Supervised Living services. His move to a more independent life was accomplished with the assistance of the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (ID/DD) Waiver Transition Program. His supports allow him to enjoy a newfound lease on life.



live in the area, are able to visit with him at his apartment whenever they'd like and are comforted knowing that he is safe and pursuing his dreams.



Joseph has a great sense of humor and is always in a good mood. He enjoys playing basketball, learning to cook, laughing with his friends, and going for rides around town. Joseph shows pride in learning to be more independent, and he has great role models through the Supervised Living Program, like his close friend, Lavelle who helps Joseph with day-to-day tasks like errands and shopping. Together, Joseph and Lavelle lift one another up. The excitement for the progress he's made is palpable among former and current staff, his family and friends, and Joseph is looking forward to what his future holds!

For more information about the ID/DD Waiver program, contact the Mississippi Department of Mental Health at 1-877-210-8513 or visit www.dmh.ms.gov.

