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My Story

I attended Walsh University where I was a college athlete. I needed to find a job that was flexible due to the many hours spent in a day being a student-athlete. There were not many options that fit my availability. A family friend worked for a provider in Stark County and helped to get me a job. I worked at this job for the entire time I was in school.

Before my last semester in college I began to seriously evaluate what exactly I wanted to do for a career. I majored in communications so the possibilities seemed endless. As I looked for different types of careers, I found myself thinking about all of the impacts that people with developmental disabilities had made on my life in such a short time. I loved going to work every day, I loved the friendships, I loved to help. After graduation, I was offered a few different employment opportunities, but I couldn't leave. I didn't want

I have now been working in the field for almost six years and have recently started a new Day Program with my business partner. We are very excited to have the opportunity to help improve the lives of others every day.

to. I decided that this is the career I

want to have.



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## A little bit more about me:

I married my middle school sweetheart, Maggie, we have been together for 11 years. We welcomed our beautiful baby boy, Paxton, to the world earlier this year and he is the best! We also have a fur-baby, Sophia, who has been my best friend for all seven years of her life. I also enjoy sports, especially football. (GO BROWNS!)

