JAMAL WHITAKER

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL (DSP)

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SKILLS

- Medication Administration
- Behavior Support Plans
- Individual Service Plan
- Progress Notes
- Community Outings
- Personal Care
- Basic Computer Skills
- CPR and First Aid
- Patience
- Teamwork

EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science

05/2024

Columbus State Community College

Columbus, OH

Human Services

SUMMARY

Direct Support Professional with 2 years in a 4-person group home for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Certified for medication administration in Ohio, follows behavior support plans and writes daily notes against each person's Individual Service Plan. Plans community outings and works well alone on overnights or as part of a team.

EXPERIENCE

Direct Support Professional (DSP) 09/2024 - Present

Buckeye Pathways Residential Services Columbus, OH

Provider of supported living homes for 60 adults with developmental disabilities.

- Administer medications for **4** residents twice a day, with zero medication errors across 2 state compliance reviews.
- Apply behavior support plans to de-escalate conflicts, reducing incident reports in the home from 9 to 3 per quarter.
- Write daily progress notes in the electronic record against each Individual Service Plan goal before shift change.
- Plan 3 community outings a week, including grocery trips, library visits and a Special Olympics bowling league.

Recreation Aide 05/2022 - 08/2024

Linden Park Community Center Columbus, OH

Part-time role in a city recreation center's youth and adaptive programs.

- Led adaptive sports sessions for 15 participants with disabilities, adjusting rules so every player could take part.
- Supervised after-school groups of up to 25 children and logged attendance with basic computer skills in the city database.
- Coordinated weekend family events for 200+ attendees with 2 staff and a team of volunteers.
- Completed incident reports the same day for minor injuries and shared them with parents at pickup.

CERTIFICATES

Medication Administration Certification, Category 1

10/2024

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Adult First Aid/CPR/AED 09/2024

American Heart Association