



FAMILIES COME FIRST AT JESPY

Connie and Joey Micale

Joey: “As you probably know, before the pandemic, I enjoyed the trips and all that. Although I do other things like I take a train and go to Millburn sometimes. Sometimes I take a lift up to the mall up the road and other places, like to the movies in West Orange, ten minutes away.”

Connie: “JESPY really prepared JOEY to be more independent by allowing him to live independent with roommates but with support always there, 24/7. So they work on daily living skills with him; cooking; cleaning. So he needs to be responsible, but he’s supported in working toward that.”

“He had been at a school in Cape Cod for four years to finish high school and then to transition. He really grew there and

this has been continuing that into his adulthood. The case manager at JESPY; the supervisor at residential; and also the services. For instance, he has a housing voucher. When he's not at work, he can go to the Day Program. They're very good at being flexible with his schedule. It's like one stop shopping."

"As far as activities, Special Olympics is big. Special Olympics bowling and the tennis program. The Men's Program. . .he's been a part of. There are many things for him to partake in if he chooses."

Joey: "I have a nice full life here at JESPY."