



Hello, I am Warren Taylor. I am a member of the IPS Family and Peer Advocates Committee. We are volunteer members of the committee, because of our strong belief that family members and other natural support individuals can be a positive and essential support in the IPS employment process.



We have all participated in the process for our loved one. We were contacted by the IPS Employment Specialist and asked to participate in the process. Our participation involved as much or as little as we could provide. I was able to build a rapport with the IPS Specialist and explore ways I could assist. For example, I was able to provide transportation to and from work for our loved one. The transportation gave the IPS Specialist a positive factor to offer potential employers.

Our loved one has been working for over 25 years now.

I encourage family members to become involved with the IPS employment process and assist in any way they can. If you're interested in learning more about how to do this, or if you want to be a part of this committee, please contact Jennie Keleher at jennie.keleher@nyspi.columbia.edu.

Thank you,

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