

Liberty ARC – Where it Feels Like Home



Jaime Field says going to work at Liberty ARC doesn't feel like work – it feels like visiting a friend's home.

“When I walk into a home that I'm going to be working at, I always feel so welcomed,” Jaime said. “We all say ‘hello’ to each other and talk about our day and get to know each other and it's just so nice. It doesn't feel like I'm working a shift, it's like I'm hanging out with my friends.”

Jaime works as a fourth grade teaching assistant at Northville Central School District and she also works as relief staff at Liberty ARC as an Assistant Habilitation Specialist 2.

Jamie worked for the agency 20 years ago as a Direct Support Professional. Last year she decided she wanted a part-time position while school was out for the summer – the first place she thought of working at was Liberty ARC.

“I just feel lucky that I get to be paid to come to a place where I feel appreciated and loved by the individuals I support,” she said. “I get so happy when they're happy – they bring me so much joy.”

Jaime is required to work 15 hours a month at the agency in order to keep her position, but she says she typically works well over that number.

“I usually work two nights a week after school,” she said. “And I work during all school breaks and all during the summer.”

Jaime said she's had a few special moments that stand out during her time working at the agency.

“I was working at the Day Treatment Center one day and I was dining with an individual,” she said. “In the middle of the conversation this individual says to me, ‘you're really humble, I can just tell you're a good woman.’ It made me teary eyed because it was so genuine and nice. I feel so happy when I'm with them.”

Jaime said she tells people looking for a job or even a second job, like her, to apply to the agency.

“Liberty ARC has been so great to me,” she said. “My hours are so flexible that they work perfectly with my other job. I always recommend that people apply to the agency and I tell them they'll learn so much and get so many different life experiences. I tell them that they'll always be smiling and they'll feel like they're making a difference.”