

from Manning Valley Tomatoes at Old Bar

"I have had a good working relationship with Break Thru for approximately the last 3 years. Break Thru have always been very understanding of my business needs as my nursery only offers seasonal work. They have helped me when times were tough and have organised very capable staff to assist me to run my business. I have used other agencies in the past however have not been provided with the same sort of support. I don't know what I would do without them."

who is a 17 year old youth with Aspergers, Anger Management issues and severe behavioural problems. As a result of these characteristics, who joined Break Thru on the 27 July 2011, had attracted the attention of the law, resulting in him being charged a number of times and being incarcerated in juvenile detention and resulted in him getting fired from his previous employment as a trainee on a Dairy Farm.

, when questioned about Break Thru People Solutions and his feed back in regard to the service that is provided to him provided a brief statement:

“Oh Yep, Break Thru is really good. I think that because the people there are really easy to get along with and they help you heaps cos they get to know you and understand you really well.”

Although this comment doesn't give much information or insight into the extend of the service that he has been provided I found it really rewarding to receive this feedback from as it means a lot to me that he feels the staff at Break Thru understand him and that he feels safe and comfortable to discuss issues with our staff. Additionally it is fantastic to hear discussing positive thoughts and feelings as due his autism and traumatic background he can find expressing emotion very difficult.

I find to be an excellent example of the positive influence that Break Thru has made in somebody's life, as when I first met him he appeared to be very standoffish and uncomfortable to be working with the assistance of Break Thru. Since getting to know him more and with the assistance of Break Thru I have found underneath the tough exterior that he is an enthusiastic, hardworking and motivated person who has so much potential, who genuinely wants to improve his circumstances. Since being with Break Thru People Solutions has been involved in Voluntary work experience, attended conflict resolution workshops, worked with Voluntary community organisations and in addition to his scheduled appointments regularly attends Break Thru people solutions to discuss ideas and have conversations with the staff. I believe that this transformation is due to the mentoring, positive support, guidance and assistance that Break Thru has offered him. My views on development are supported by the positive feed back I have received from the Employer Break Thru placed him with for work experience and through the comments made by , where volunteers, in fact Jim was so happy with development that he has agreed to be a referee on his resume. I believe that without the support of Break Through People Solutions none of this would have been possible and as a result has now take a very different, more positive direction in his life.

Our client is a client with a high intellectual disability, is 21 years of age and has never held a paid position before, lives remotely out of town and has no drivers licence to get to and from his employment. Taree area has very limited public transport and without BreakThru assisting the client with transport to get to and from his employment would not be able to have paid employment. came to BreakThru as a very shy and reserved person who found it very hard to trust people and ask for help. has now been employed for 8 weeks and is a huge part of the company he works for. Breakthru has provided on site support, in doing so the client has built up his confidence and now feels he is an integral part of the community.

17, Client Break Thru People Solutions 18 months

-Since joining Break Thru I have obtained an apprenticeship, my provisional licence and the confidence to do more with myself than I ever thought possible. Without Break Thru I would not have achieved all the great things I have today. Thank you