

Will who is a 17 year old youth with Aspergers, Anger Management issues and severe behavioural problems. As a result of these characteristics, Will 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.

Will, 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 Will 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 Will discussing positive thoughts and feelings as due his autism and traumatic background he can find expressing emotion very difficult.

I find Will 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 Will 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 Wills 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 [redacted], where Will volunteers, in fact [redacted] was so happy with Wills 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 Will has now take a very different, more positive direction in his life.