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"We are in the world to support one another." Lailah Gifty Akita









Passionate for People! Our DSP's Speak Out

We asked our DSP's why they chose this career and why specifically with KFI. Here is a small sample of what they said.



I like to think I'm helping make a difference in someone's life, very satisfying work.

KFI is as caring to their employees as they are to the people that they help. **Arline Smith**

I love people; I am passionate about helping people and making their lives full of meaning. I get to work a job doing what I love.
Why KFI? Person Centered Plans, peoples' voices are our actions. We are challenged to bring about miracles on a daily basis; KFI makes the impossible possible, the ordinary extraordinary. Wanda Rideout

New Employee Incentives!

All new employees who complete all training requirements within their first 6 months of employment will be eligible for a one time \$250 BONUS and a RAISE! All current employees who refer someone that completes these requirements will

receive \$100 per referral.



KFI allows staff to tailor services specifically to each individual and encourages "want-to" activities as well as "needto". **Kara Schreiber**





Everyone Can Work

Lauren's first job has been a very positive experience because of Dewey Hasbrouck. Working for Dewey, owner of Moe's Original Bar B Que in Bangor is as pleasant as eating his "Best in Bangor Bar B Que"! Thanks to Dewey's support and Lauren 's dedication to her work, she is off to a great start.

Person Centered Orientation

Lenny Berry gained knowledge and experience with public speaking when he was employed by the Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies at the University of Maine. His most recent endeavor finds him part of the KFI team that provides orientation and training to all new employees. Lenny's presentation clearly outlines what people receiving supports want their direct support staff to know to help them achieve their goals and dreams.







DSP SPOTLIGHT



Dedication comes in many forms. Bambi Magaw exemplifies the dedication of a job coach who provided the essential, yet often invisible, support for a person to maintain a job for 13 years! Bambi started as a Job Coach in 2001 supervising situational assessments of all varieties. Her steady presence and keen observations have helped many individuals find and maintain meaningful employment in the greater Bangor area.

We are wired to be part of a community. This work is an invitation to allow someone else who may need support to get out and be part of the community they live in. The values of KFI are, at heart, part of the hard wiring that is innate to each and every human being.

Rosemary Erb





I do this work because it is rewarding and challenging in a different kind of way everyday! I choose to work for KFI because everyone has the same vision, no matter if it is the director or a DSP, we all want what is best for each person.

Darlene Cookson

To read more about what our employees have to say visit our website!

We want to know.... what are your summer plans?



I'm looking forward to renting a camp on the lake like I do every year!

Marie Magaw

"You must fall in love with your job to own it." Lailah Gifty Akita I'm looking forward to riding on an old-fashioned scenic railroad so I can enjoy the beautiful scenery in Maine! **Gary Libby**









I'm working in the garden and spending time at camp!

Ricky Rackliffe



Do you have an idea or something you would like to submit for our next issue? We would love to hear from you!

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We want to know.... what are your summer plans?



I'm going to southern Maine to spend time at the beach and visit York's Wild Animal Kingdom!

Liesel Neubauer

I'm going to see the Yankees crush the Red Sox!

Lenny Berry





Day trip to Bar Harbor! I'm going to see Cadillac Mountain!

Melissa Stewart