



This is Thelma Bailey; she is a General Worker at CT Developmental Services. She works at the Ella Grasso Center in Stratford. She loves her job, and she enjoys being part of a well-run office. You may ask, “how did she get her job”. The following is what she had to share.

First, Thelma talked to her case manager, Margherita, to let her know that she was looking for a job. Then, her case manager told her about the general worker job. After applying for the job, Thelma interviewed with Margherita. Thelma made sure she brought a copy of her resume with her to the interview. The interview went well. Thelma was hired and has had her job for 3 years. She did take a short leave but came back. Thelma reminds everyone to make sure they do not call out too much because that can cause you to lose your job. You should communicate with your boss instead of calling out too much. She likes her boss and the people she works with in the office.

Her favorite parts of her job are working with her job coach, and coworkers, and finding her job in the office not too difficult. Thelma has additional work goals outside of her work at the Ella Grasso Center. Her additional goals are to obtain her own apartment; and maintain her current job while continuing to grow professionally, learning new skills, taking on new responsibilities, and expanding her knowledge.

Thelma said that she would tell other individuals to get a job or be employed. She says it is fun to be employed; you can pay for your own things, pay for your own meals, and have money to go out with friends. Thelma also wanted to share that the office at Ella Grasso Center is a great place to work at, and she likes it better than working in retail.