

Clip 5 Transcript

Okay. I have one adult who I mean, you know, he's 18 years old right now, but I started working with him. He actually happened to be in my class when he was in grade 6, 7, and 8. He was in my class. So we started working on bus training. We started doing stuff. He was terrible at it. He just wasn't. He was more interested in, whatever, pestering the other students, not paying attention. But we did all the stuff. Then I started working with him at his house and one summer, his dad said, I want him to learn to take the bus. I want him to learn. So we spent all summer just traveling the bus, traveling, figuring it out, and he was and we talked and we talked about why you need to learn the bus, and he liked why he was learning. He liked the idea that he would be able to go by himself to Walmart or to the dollar store. He would be able to go by himself. So he had the motivation. So he eventually got better and better at it. We worked on travel planners and learning to take that and learning.

And then, of course, everything changed, and he had to learn a new system because the O-Train came in. So he we had to change things, but he already had the sense for where the buses were and everything like that because he's he was quite bright, just he was who he is. And, then one day, he comes home from school, and I happened to be working with because he was in high school at that point. He comes home from school at that point, and he says, my bus was too slow, it wasn't coming, so I took this number instead. And I'm like, oh, did it work? He goes, yeah. So that's when it started to click to him that if you know how the system works, you can take different buses. And now he's all over the place. He goes wherever he wants to go. I mean, sometimes I tell him, well, you better check that out on travel planner before you go. But he can get anywhere he wants to go, and he's, you know, working co-op placements, and they say, okay, this is where your placement. He goes, okay, and he can just get himself there. Once he's at co-op, it's a different story, but he can get himself there. You know? So it's just amazing. It's great that he now is totally independent.