



July Newsletter 2016

## Changing Lives Through Employment

MND is always seeking ways to better serve our clients and now we are looking to grow our staff. MND is currently searching for a **Job Coach** and a **Development and Marketing Coordinator** and we need your help to spread the word! If you or someone you know is passionate in joining a dynamic team to empower individuals to work, check out our [website](#) to see the job descriptions and details.

### Paying the Bills

Determination and confidence are two qualities that MND staff love to see in our clients. A former client at MND, Leia Sutton, truly grew to embody both. When Leia (20 years old) graduated from our Employment Training Program in February, she was concerned about her lack of experience and pursued the 8-week internship at MND as a front desk receptionist. With the skills and experience she gained, Leia became employed as a collections representative at BGE in April. While her new role can be highly stressful and demanding, Leia takes time to listen to the customers' concerns and find ways to assist them. "I learned in my training [at MND] what type of work behavior to have...how to not take things personal, and how to move forward and be successful at my job." Leia works long hours and takes 3 modes of public transportation to get to work. She is truly forging a path of success for herself and making us proud along the way!



Leia (right) with her job coach, Andrea Harrison, on her first day of her internship. She says "I gained a lot more experience in an office environment as an intern at Maryland New Directions."

### National Platform for MND

MND's Training Facilitator, Stephen Thomas recently returned from New Orleans where he attended the 2016 Jobs for the Future (JFF) Summit. As a grant recipient of the Walmart Foundation through JFF, Stephen delivered a brief presentation highlighting MND's groundbreaking MTDL Training program. Stephen used the opportunity to highlight the program's unique features as well as its promising track record of success. He shared more about some innovative activities he has designed to engage learners as they explore job opportunities at the port as well as long term careers in the transportation, distribution, and logistics fields.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the JFF Summit and Stephen's creative teaching tools.





## Building a Brighter Baltimore

Last month, a group of nine Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) staff came to volunteer for their Community Day of Service. AECF is a grant funder for our MTDL program so it was great for the volunteers to see our program in action! For some this was their second year volunteering at MND and this year they assisted with our MTDL Orientation. Not only did they help staff but as one AECF staff reflected "hopefully our volunteer efforts helped job-seeking clients feel more supported and at ease during what could be an anxiety-causing process." AECF staff also gave great feedback and ideas for our orientation process and MND greatly benefited from their expertise. MND loves to host groups of corporate volunteers that can add value to our work!



The AECF staff assisted during our MTDL Orientation by facilitating employment activities for potential clients as well as aiding clients in gathering paperwork and taking an online assessment. They even had a little time at the end of the day to sort and hang clothes for our Professional Clothing Closet.

**"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi**

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