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HAVING children is one of the most special times in a person's life.

You watch them speak their first words, take their first steps, go to school, have their first boy or girl friend, get a job, move out of home and have a family of their own.

This sounds pretty normal, right?

What happens if this child has a disability?

Amongst all of the first couple of milestones, there are doctors and specialist appointments, assistance with school and then the fear of what happens to my son or daughter when I'm gone.

In my current role as an employment specialist for people with a disability I see many of these parents' children walk through our door with just these concerns and worried about what the future may hold for them.

With speaking to a couple of parents they are grateful for what assistance they required for school... but what about after school.

What support will my adult child get now they are looking to gain employment?

There are groups out there that can assist.

I know as a parent I want the best for my children when they grow up.

My 12-year-old currently wants to become an electrical engineer and my daughter a vet.

My kids are fortunate that they don't have some of the barriers that people with disabilities face but if they did I would still want them to follow their dreams and make the most of what they can be.

Just because your child has a disability doesn't mean that their life isn't worth selling short.

Aim for the stars and reach out for support to assist them in reaching their goals.

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